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Ottawa County Times.

VOL. II.

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER 29, 1893.

NO. 49.

We Are
At It Again!

And more eager to do business with you
than ever before.

Our 85-cent sale the past two weeks has
been a stunner.

AND NOW

What Next?

Our eyes alight upon our large stock of

Ladies' and Children's

UNDERWEAR

And we say

IT MUST GO!

1-4 OFF

Will reduce the stock Materially,
SO HERE GOES!

Ladies' \$4.00 All-Wool Union Suits, \$3.00

Ladies' \$2.00 part Wool " " 1.50

Ladies' \$1.00 Heavy Cotton " " .75

Ladies' \$1.25 Camel's Hair Vest and
Drawers, - - - 1.00

Ladies' \$1.00 Camel's Hair Vest and
Drawers, - - - .75

Ladies' 75 cent All Wool Vest and
Drawers, .56

Ladies' 50 cent heavy Merino Vest and
Drawers, .37½

Children's Underwear all One Fourth Off.

This Sale will last but a Week.
Come in the morning
and avoid the rush.

C. L. STRENG & SON

ALBERTI BLOCK.

EIGHTH STREET.

OTTAWA COUNTY TIMES.

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HOLIDAY EDITION Sixteen Pages.

We will furnish the Twice-A-Week Free
Press and the Ottawa County Times for one
year for \$1.50. Here's a great chance to
get a good state paper twice a week and
your local paper for only \$1.50. Get in
your subscriptions before New Year's.

The Third Ref. church has added
some 400 new books to its Sunday school
library.

Arrived at the residence of Mr. and
Mrs. C. D. Wise last Saturday, an 11-
pound lady boarder.

Will Nykamp and Miss Dina Wiegh-
mink were married last week Thurs-
day. Congratulations.

A party of hunters went out on
Christmas day and shot one fox-squir-
rel. At least so says Mac.

Saugatuck business men are talking
of putting in a small electric light plant
to light business places.

A Muskegon butcher cut up and
dressed a horse with the evident inten-
tion of selling the meat for beef.

Some miscreant stole a keg of nails
from Jacobus Dyk, the carpenter, from
the new houses of Jonkman & Dykema
on Twelfth street last Friday night.

Rogers & Bird, of Saugatuck, are
getting out the moulds for a new tug
which will be 53 feet long. She will be
designed mostly for towing, but will
also be used in fishing operations.

A pleasant Christmas party was held
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Oggel
Monday evening. A Christmas tree for
the children and afterwards pedro made
a very enjoyable evening for the party.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Will
Bottsford & Co. for some very fine let-
tuce for Christmas. This enterprising
grocery firm always makes it a point to
have the very best of everything in
their line to be had. Lettuce at Christ-
mas time is somewhat of a novelty.

Muskegon is getting quite a reputa-
tion as a town where prize fights are
not interfered with. The latest fight
was a sickening scene and took place
there last Sunday between "Kid" Hogan
of California, and Jack Bates of New
York, and Bates had his face almost
pounded to a jelly.

Last week Thursday the New Hol-
land school took up a collection for the
needy of the Upper Peninsula, amount-
ing to \$12.25. The pupils passed resolu-
tions that the money be placed in the
hands of their teachers, Seth Coburn
and Miss Frances Post, and flour has
been purchased for that amount from
the Walsh-D. Roo Milling Co. last
Saturday.

A young gentleman stepped into the
First State Bank last Saturday evening
and approaching Cashier Mokma, pre-
sented him with a handsome gold-head-
ed silk umbrella. Demanding an ex-
planation, he said that it was a Christ-
mas gift from his Sunday school class
and had been purchased at their store.
That our popular cashier was well
pleased could be readily seen from his
courteous smiles.

Last August, owing to business de-
pression, the C. & W. M. R. R. Com-
pany cut the wages of their employees.
The men took the reduction without
complaint, and General Manager Chas.
M. Heald made them a Christmas pres-
ent by sending each one a copy of a cir-
cular which states that although busi-
ness has not picked up, but that as a
reward for their loyalty their wages
would be increased to the former basis
commencing next Monday, Jan. 1st.

Last Sunday the sad news was re-
ceived that Miss Grace De Vries died
the previous night at the home of her
sister at East Saugatuck, where she
went a few days ago to assist in dress-
making. She was well known here and
had made many warm friends during
her four-years stay in this city. She
made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Geo.
De Vries on Twelfth street. She was
suddenly taken ill with neuralgia of
the heart but 24 hours before her death.
She was 24 years old and had intended,
together with a large number, to be-
come a member of the Ninth Street H.
C. Ref. church this (Friday) evening.
The funeral occurred Wednesday at
the H. C. Ref. church at Grandchapel,
and the remains were interred in the
Grandschap cemetery. The services
were largely attended, the church being
filled. From Holland the Y. W. C. A.
went down in a body, her Sunday school
class and many of her friends and asso-
ciates also attended.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Altenaar,
a girl.

A Gypsy woman gave birth to a child
in the Grand Haven depot one day last
week.

The post office will be open Monday.
New Year's day, from 7 to 10 a. m. and
from 1 to 3 p. m.

Y. M. C. A. attendance last Sunday
was 121. Rev. J. Van Houte will lead
next Sunday.

Ladies, make it a business to see what
is offered on sale each week at Streng
& Son's. It will pay you.

Variety is the spice of life. Some-
thing new in the line of sales at C. L.
Streng & Son's each week.

Wm. C. Weeks, senior member of
the firm of Weeks Brothers, abstracts,
at Allegan, died Monday morning.

An eagle carried off a three-year-old
child at Selma, Alabama, last week.
The body was afterwards found on a cliff.

The citizens of Grand Haven will
give a public entertainment the first of
the new year for the benefit of the
poor northern miners.

Fred Lichte's barn at Allegan was
destroyed by fire Monday night and
fourteen head of cattle burned also.
Loss \$1,600. Tramps set it afire.

The Y. M. C. A. of the Ninth Street
Christian Ref. church gave an enter-
tainment in their church last evening.
An interesting program was rendered.

Mrs. Henry Balgooyen of Grand Ha-
ven died Wednesday at the age of six-
ty-three years. She was a well known
and highly respected resident of that
city since 1847.

Conductor Scott, who was tried for
manslaughter in connection with the
horrible railway disaster at Battle
Creek some time ago, was declared not
guilty last Saturday.

Five 16-candle power electric lights
to burn all night can be had in Hills-
dale for \$4 per month in business houses,
and \$1.50 for residences. In residences
all lights over five go at 12c a piece.

Bills have been introduced in the
House making appropriations of \$40,000
for improving the harbor at Saugatuck,
\$65,000 for the harbor at South Haven,
\$111,000 for the harbor at St. Joseph
and \$2,000 for St. Joseph river.

A 34 old house north of the Meth-
odist church was burned last Tuesday
evening. It was of little value and a
family had moved out that day and
there is no doubt but that it was set
afire in the evening by some one who
wanted to create a little excitement.

Muskegon has secured the biggest
puncher in the world. This gigantic
mass of iron, weighing 48,000 pounds,
has been set in its place at the Mus-
kegon Boiler Works. It is a relic of the
World's Fair and is capable of punch-
ing two-inch holes through two-inch
plates of steel. It slices off flat bars
10x14 1/2 inch cheese and cuts two-inch
round bars. Its depth of throat is
sixty inches.

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs.
James Huntley surprised them last
Monday, Christmas night, by taking
possession of their pleasant residence
in the Fifth Ward. The guests brought
with them a splendid assortment of sil-
verware as a present for Jim and his
estimable wife. The reason of all this
was that the worthy couple had been
married for twenty-five years. A pleas-
ant evening was spent by the assembled.

John Wondergan, a Hollander, came
with his wife to Grand Rapids about a
year ago. John Eickman, a disrepu-
table young man of 26 years, formed
an attachment for the former's wife and
often called there during Wondergan's
absence. He was ordered to keep away
but last Friday evening he came to the
house with a revolver and threatened
to kill them. Saturday night he was
seen coming again having a shot gun in
his hand. Eickman began breaking in
the door and as it flew open Wondergan
picked up a shot gun from the corner
and fired. The shot took effect in
Eickman's neck and killed him. Won-
dergan went to the police station, told
his story and was locked up. The court
said it was plainly self-defense and he
has been released.

The Apollo Orchestra went to Morley
Monday morning to fill an engagement
there that evening. A large audience
greeted them, the hall being too small
to accommodate the music-loving peo-
ple of that place. An interesting pro-
gramme was rendered and the mem-
bers were warmly applauded. The boys
have acquired great talent in the pro-
duction of both vocal and instrumental
music and their efforts to convince the
people of that city of their ability were
successful. The orchestra now num-
bers six members consisting of Gerard
Cook, guitar; Rokus H. Cook, violin;
Barney Cook, bass viol; Herman Cook,
mandolin; Fred H. Kamferbeck, violin,
and Guy Schaftenaar, the famous banjo
player of Western Michigan. The re-
ceipts amounted to about \$35. They
returned Tuesday afternoon.

Less failures were reported last week
than for the corresponding week three
years ago.

Thomas Boven has the contract to
build a house for Prof. Kleinheksel on
West Fourteenth street.

At the annual election of officers of
the First Reformed Church last night
J. W. Wilterdink was re-elected elder,
and B. Stoketee and L. Schoon deacons.

There is one great consolation in the
mild winter weather, even though it is
bad for business. Coal and wood bills
are not so high and the poor people
suffer less.

The board of directors of the Kent,
Allegan & Ottawa Mutual Fire Insur-
ance Co. met at Grand Rapids yesterday.
James L. Fairbanks, of Fillmore, repre-
sented that district. The annual meet-
ing will be held next Thursday.

Some of the ladies will tender a ban-
quet for the firemen of this city next
Wednesday evening at the opera house.
Tickets can be secured at Breyman's at
only 40 cents a couple or single tickets
at 25 cents. A large attendance is ex-
pected.

Saturday night sneak thieves stole a
keg of nails belonging to contractors,
Jacobus Dyk and Fritz Jonkman from
one of the houses they are building for
Jonkman & Dykema. This is the second
time this has been done within the past
few weeks.

Monday evening there was a happy
family re-union at the residence of Su-
pervisor Johannes Dykema. A fine
Christmas tree, loaded with presents
was an attractive feature of the evening.
About twenty were present and an en-
joyable evening was spent.

A copy of the second issue of the
Coopersville News is on our desk. It is
a bright looking, six-column, four-page
paper and has lots of local news. We
hope Mr. Rice, the proprietor, will
succeed in his venture, and the mer-
chants of Coopersville should give it a
good support.

A Grand Haven Hollander has just
celebrated the thirty-ninth anniversary
of his arrival in that city, and informed
his friends that his voyage across the
ocean consumed thirty-seven days, his
journey from New York to Kalamazoo
two weeks, and from Kalamazoo to
Grand Haven three days.

Mrs. A. Hellenthal was called to
Overisel early this week on account of
the illness of her sister, Mrs. Tobena
Prins. Mrs. Prins died Wednesday.
She is the wife of J. Prins of this city
and was visiting there. The funeral
will be held at Overisel to-morrow (Sat-
urday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

All who have handed in their names
as willing to join the evening school are
requested to meet at Patrimonium hall,
over Brusse's clothing store, next Wed-
nesday evening at 7:30. All are urgently
requested to be present. A competent
teacher has been secured and the school
board have offered the use of a room for
the purpose. Come all and get further
information on the subject.

Rev. J. Van Houte conducted the
union services of the First and Third
Reformed churches Christmas morning
in the First Ref. church; Rev. E. Van
der Vries preached to his congregation
that morning and afternoon, and Rev.
K. Van Goor occupied his pulpit both
morning and evening. Owing to ill
health Rev. Henry E. Bosker only con-
ducted his usual morning services last
Sunday. Elder E. Van der Veen pre-
siding in the afternoon.

John Kramer Camp, No. 118, S. of V.
held their annual election of officers
last Tuesday evening and elected the
following: Captain, Wm. Van Anrooy;
First Lieut., Frank Pullman; Second
Lieut., Henry Van Ry; Camp Counsel,
W. A. Holley; D. Van Lente; Will
Lamoureux; Representative, W. A. Hol-
ley. The staff has not yet been ap-
pointed by the captain. It is expected
that a public installation of officers will
be held in connection with the G. A. R.
and W. R. C.

Tuesday forenoon what might have
been a fatal accident happened at New
Holland. John Hop and his brother
were splitting and piling up wood.
John was in the act of picking up wood
behind his brother when the latter was
splitting. The ax passed easily through
a slab and the slight resistance offered
caused the ax to slip from his hands,
pass between his legs and struck John
on one thumb and the point of the blade
entered the right temple just over the
eye, cutting a fearful gash about three
inches long and the deepest part about
an inch and a half deep. He walked
home and was taken to Dr. J. W.
Van den Berg, but the latter not being
home they came to this city to the
office of Dr. H. Kremers. When the
doctor removed the bandages and
cleared the wound the blood spurted
from the large temple artery which had
been severed, as also a number of veins.
The wound was stitched up, and al-
though he had sustained a fearful loss
of blood he stood it bravely and even
joked about it after the wound was
dressed.

PERSONAL.

John Van Anrooy and Dick Miedema
attended the re-union of the remnant of
the Second Michigan Calvary at Mus-
kegon Wednesday.

Attorney Geo. E. Kollen attended the
wedding of his cousin Miss Jennie Kol-
len to Benjamin Voorhorst at Overisel
Wednesday.

Peter Boot and family and John Kra-
mer and family spent Christmas with
Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Boot at Grand Rap-
ids.

Miss Louie Leonard of St. Louis this
state, is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. T. M.
Clark's, the guest of Miss Ethie.

Mrs. W. H. Gallagher, of Auburn
Park, Ill., is the guest of her parents,
Prof. and Mrs. C. Dachsburg.

L. L. Paxson, steward of the stmr.
Hickox, Milwaukee, is visiting his par-
ents north of the city.

We are happy to be able to state that
Peter Van den Tak, who was seriously
ill, is recovering.

R. Kemink, tailor at L. Benjamin,
Grand Rapids, is visiting friends at
New Holland.

Henry Streng expects to spend Sun-
day and Monday at his old home in
Montague.

Gelmer Kuiper, one of Grand Rapids'
progressive attorneys, was in the city
this week.

Otto Kreunier, of the Holland City
State Bank, spent Christmas in Grand
Rapids.

G. W. Browning, of the Ottawa Fur-
niture Co., was in Grand Rapids last
Saturday.

Mayor Geo. P. Hummer and P. H.
McBride were in Grand Rapids Wed-
nesday.

T. H. Bosman of Grand Rapids is
here visiting relatives and friends this
week.

Mrs. G. J. Van Duren and daughter
Christina are visiting relatives at Mus-
kegon.

Ex-representative John Kolyoord, of
Hamilton, was here on business Wed-
nesday.

Mrs. M. B. Naish is spending the holi-
days with her parents at Port Sheldon.
Henry Tromp, of Muskegon, was in
the city Wednesday on business.

Will Bosman spent Sunday in Grand
Rapids with relatives and friends.
Fritz Jonkman spent Saturday and
Sunday in Grand Rapids.

J. C. Post was in Kalamazoo on busi-
ness Wednesday.

H. P. Streng spent Christmas at
Grand Rapids.

Peter Brusse, of Zeeland, was here
Wednesday.

Mrs. Alexander Balgooyen is on the
sick list.

Mrs. L. Mulder spent Tuesday in
Zeeland.

Prof. G. J. Kollen was in Lansing
Tuesday.

All our citizens are invited to the
new year's reception at the Y. W. C. A.
rooms.

Premature baldness may be prevented
and the hair made to grow on heads al-
ready bald, by the use of Hall's Vege-
table Sicilian Hair Renewer.

The newly elected officers of the Odd
Fellows' lodge will be installed next
Thursday evening, after which an oys-
ter supper and social will be held.

People are wishing each other the
compliments of the season and exchang-
ing gifts. Did it ever occur to you to
send an ailing friend a package of Ay-
er's Sarsaparilla? If not, do so now;
and try this medicine yourself, if you
need a first-class blood purifier.

Last Friday morning through the
carelessness of two daubers at the West
Michigan Furniture factory an acci-
dent happened that might have result-
ed in a serious conflagration. These
men go to work at about half past six
in the morning and as they had no lan-
tern that morning one of them lit a
match to see how much filler he had in
his pail. His companion "just in fun"
struck his hand with his brush and as
the filler contains naphtha it instantly
blazed up. Becoming scared he drop-
ped the brush in some filler standing
on the floor and the piece of work on
the table covered with the filler also
caught fire and for a moment there was
the wildest kind of excitement. The
watchman came running up from below
and water was turned on and the flames
finally put out. One man had his hand
badly scorched.

Like Nice Singing? Then Hear the Shubert
Male Quartette Jan. 13, at Opera House.

The "Shuberts" were here two years
ago and pleased our people so well,
that Mgr. Breyman has booked them
again for Jan. 13. The company is the
same that was here before with the ad-
dition of a fine lady whistler, violinist
and pianist, eight people in all, each
one an artist in his or her particular
line. On account of the big guarantee
they require, it will be necessary for
them to be greeted with a full house to
pay expenses, and we trust the enter-
tainment will receive the support it
deserves.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OTTAWA COUNTY.

NEW HOLLAND.

New Holland is a farmers' village, situated six miles north of Holland City which is its principal market. The country consists of about equal high and bottom lands. The higher lands are very rolling and well adapted for wheat. The soil of these upper lands is clay mixed with some sand. The bottom land is a rich loam and is well adapted to raise summer crops of which an abundance is raised every year. All these lands are well drained and all the surplus water goes into Black Lake or Lake Michigan. This country was settled by Hollanders in the year 1848, only a few of its pioneers still living who can say anything of the hardships they faced in these dense forests. Their only weapon of defense in those days was an ax and a rifle, both of which were used to great advantage. We now have a beautiful country. When we look west of us we can see the ridge of hills on the shore of Lake Michigan. Looking south over the city of Holland, we can plainly see the village of Graafschap, a distance of ten miles. When we take a view south-east, Zeeland and Vriesland can be plainly seen, the former a distance of six and the latter ten miles. By looking north-east the new and flourishing village of Boreulo is in view and by looking north another village by the name of Crisp is in sight. The village of New Holland contains the following business places: A grocery and dry goods store of which A. Wagenaar is the sole proprietor. Mr. Wagenaar moved here in 1865, returning from the war where he had been since 1862. He enlisted in the Eighth Mich. Infantry, went through many a battle, was taken prisoner once and was once wounded in the knee. He served his country well and was a brave soldier. His store is as good as any in the county and he enjoys a very large trade. He has held the post-office for 22 years. Mails are received here daily. His son Richard clerks for him and we can safely say that he is as good a clerk as can be found in the state.

John Troost who came here about ten years ago from the Netherlands, runs one of the largest wooden shoe factories in the country. Mail orders come in from different states for his footwear. He makes them in all sizes and some of them are very ornamental. The wood chiefly used is white and bass. In connection with his factory he runs a barber shop, being a first-class artist.

John Groote who came here five years ago from Germany where he served as a horse shoer in the army, opened a blacksmith shop here and has met with very good success. He is very busy, being required to work at times during the night. He was a poor man when he came here and is now the owner of a good residence and a large shop.

The Union cheese factory, Jacob J. Van Dyk proprietor, has met with quite a success. It ships many thousands of pounds of cheese a year and brings the dollars and cents at home without churning.

A new feed mill has been put in operation this fall and meets with good success. It grinds every Tuesday and Wednesday. It was started a few weeks ago.

Our graded school is as good as any in the county. Seth Coburn the principal is a well qualified teacher and holds a position as one of the board of examiners for Ottawa county. Miss Frances Post, teaches the primary department and has done so with good success for three successive years. Ninety pupils are enrolled.

Rev. A. Stegeman, pastor of the Ref. church, has a very large congregation. He delivers two sermons every Sunday and leads prayer meeting in the evening. He also preaches a sermon in the English language once a month. The church has a large Sunday school and the bible classes during the week keep him very busy.

Dr. Van den Berg who moved here in the fall of 1879, has enjoyed a very good practice here ever since. He is kept very busy, especially when the grip makes its appearance. He built himself a fine residence in 1890. He has a very fine yard for the country. He has set out some of the choicest fruit trees, rose bushes, evergreens and flowers and his lawn is the finest in the place.

John McEwen has one of the largest slaughter houses in the county and supplies the city of Grand Haven with choice meats. He has a farm of 120 acres and a look in his barn would find all kinds of cattle. John stands in the first rank as a farmer and we wish him success.

M. Stegenga, one of the pioneers of this vicinity, is also one of our sturdy farmers. He has built himself a residence a few years ago, which is quite an ornament to the place. He has a beautiful farm of 80 acres, all of which is clean and adapted for all kinds of produce of which he had an abundance this year and which was taken to the Grand Rapids market, excepting what he kept for his own use. He has a large barn which is well filled with grain and stock.

Dr. Van den Berg and his brother Dr. H. Van den Berg of Fremont were called to Grand Rapids last week Thursday to the bedside of their sister Mrs. W. Brandel, who was sick with lung trouble. When they left Friday evening she was somewhat better.

John McEwen was kicked by a horse Monday which might have resulted seriously.

Fred Stegenga is at home from the Grand Rapids business college, nursing an attack of la grippe.

Charley, the 12-year-old son of Klaas Brouwer, who accidentally shot himself with a 32-caliber revolver, is improving. The ball entered the palm of his hand and came out about six inches above the wrist. He was taken to the office of Dr. Van den Berg, who dressed the wound.

P. G. Brouwer is canvassing for the World's Fair books and meets with good success. We saw the book and can recommend it to all who wish to know something about the Great Fair.

Last Wednesday evening six couples of ladies and gentlemen well up in society hired a team and driver and drove to Drenthe to spend an evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hyma. They report as having had a very good time, but sleighing was rather poor. They were home before sunrise. A general diagnosis was made and sleep was recommended as the last remedy. The

advice was taken and the recovery was complete in a few hours.

An entertainment was given in the Reformed church Christmas afternoon by the Sunday school of that church. They had some very good speaking and singing, after which the children were presented with candy and oranges. All went home satisfied.

Rev. A. Stegeman who has been sick with la grippe, has resumed his duties. Mrs. W. Nienhuis and daughter are both having an attack of the grip.

Mrs. Roo has nearly recovered from a serious attack of the grip.

Mrs. John Bovendam has the grip. Johnny Hazevoord and Klaas Veldheer, both of whom had a severe attack of tonsillitis, have nearly recovered.

Mrs. Frank Kraai is recovering from a severe attack of the grip.

Harm Veldheer who had an attack of the grip, cured himself by bathing his head with kerosene and pouring some of the oil in his ears. He says it made his head feel like a base drum, but it knocked the grip.

Rev. E. Van den Berg was suddenly taken sick with an attack of bronchitis Sunday evening.

Jennie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Aelterhof, died last week Sunday of tuberculous meningitis at the age of 20 years. She was a lady who was highly respected by all who knew her. The funeral occurred the following Wednesday and was largely attended. Rev. E. Van den Berg officiating.

Last Wednesday morning at about 4 o'clock, Mrs. R. Roohorst, about 70 years old, was found dead in her bed by her grandson. She had been sick for about two weeks. Friday morning an inquest was held before Justice Schilleman and a jury consisting of A. J. Nienhuis, Perry Van der Zwaag, John Hoek, Dick Damp, Klaas Schemper and John Dolmyer. The witnesses Marinus and Clara Sweeney, both of whom had lived with their grandmother for 11 years, were sworn, as also Dr. Van den Berg. The jury rendered a verdict that heart failure was the cause of her death. She was buried Saturday, Rev. E. Van den Berg officiating.

Gerrit M. Stegenga and Peter J. Smit, two of our enterprising young men, have taken the job of putting up the electric light poles for the city of Holland. The number of poles to be put up is 400, to be completed by Jan. 15.

We wish the editor of the Ottawa County Times and all its readers and correspondents a Happy New Year.

JENISON.

The factory has shut down for a holiday vacation, after having been very busy, engaged in supplying frogs, switches etc. for the various railroads.

During the late snow and comparatively good sleighing the mill yard has been filling up with usual rapidity.

L. & L. Jenison will stock their mill for a good summer's run.

The grist mill is doing a wondrous good business, and our millers are busy as bees, while the rush on Fridays demonstrates the fact plainly that the old time buckwheat pan cakes are still in good demand, "and so note it be".

The seeming hard times does not materially affect our store trade, as our clerks may be seen on tip toe waiting on customers any time, while our prices are fair. We mean to live and let others live, and our goods are such a quality that give good satisfaction.

Every one finds employment of some kind. There are different kinds of repairing to be done in order to give furtherance to the necessary work the coming summer.

The ladies. I must surely say a good word for them since they have been so busy in doing that kind of work which brings happiness to the hearts of many, as well as ensures a reward in the coming time when our earthly labors are ended, besides working to obtain presents for the Christmas tree for the sabbath school. They have kindly prepared gifts for those who are deprived of the blessed light of a mother's loss in a home, and in doing such deeds of love and mercy our days pass, with a satisfaction of far more worth than all the glittering pomp and show of the world combined.

Our Christmas tree was a decided success and was well enjoyed by the larger ones as well as the little tots. A program for speaking and music was well carried out after which Santa Claus made his appearance. Our friend Luman received a large wax doll which he was seen to embrace very affectionately, also a beautiful slumber robe of rose color, from the ladies association. Lucius Jenison recently sustained a severe fracture of his arm and shoulder from which we are glad to learn he is slowly improving.

Mrs. G. C. Jones gave Mrs. A. L. Lane a pleasant call a few days ago.

Alec Martin came from Chicago Saturday to spend the holidays with his aunt's husband and Miss Bessie.

Sunday being a mild summerlike day, W. Thompson saw a festive frolic out upon a friendly call evidently believing spring time had come.

Mrs. Martin Richmond of Hanley who has been very ill and had partially recovered, is much worse again.

Ed Fellows is still unable to be up although he thinks he is some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Daily are very ill with La Grippe.

Miss Carrie Elliott of Dist. no. 10, Wyoming, together with her pupils gave an entertainment and fish pond social Thursday the 21, realizing a neat little sum to be sent to the suffering miners.

At the annual election of Crescent Lodge No. 322, F. & A. M., held in Grandville, Dec. 21, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, W. M., H. E. Retain, S. W., G. D. Lane, J. W., J. W. Cooper, Treas., N. Balkema, Sec'y A. H. Weston, S. D., W. W. Thompson, J. D., H. E. Jenison, Tyler, A. R. Getman.

Lutie Lane was sick and unable to attend the Christmas festivities, but a little tree at his own home was kindly visited by Santa Claus.

Such a pretty little book from the editor of the "Ottawa County Times" found its way to our home, just in time to join with the rest of our Christmas gifts. Good books are like choice gems, and dear friends, and when we open them, their pages seem to speak to us with tender words of consolation, resting and refreshing us when wearied with the duties of life incumbent upon us, never turning a deaf ear to our entreaties, but like the speaker of the beautiful sunshine upon the waters of a placid lake they give us back the bright reflections of beautiful thoughts within.

We extend our heart felt thanks, with the wishes for a happy and prosperous year to the editor of this bright paper, also to its many readers, hoping much sunshine may come to their lives.

SOUTH BLENDON.

Farewell old year, we walk no more together, But here in quiet happiness we part; And from thy wreath of faded fern and heather

We pick some sprays and wear them on our heart.

We report our sick improving.

Mrs. O. M. Sherburne, who has been confined to her home for some time, is recovering.

The family of D. Riekse have also been suffering from the grip.

H. Havikstoft, our ex-postmaster and Justice of the Peace, is up and about again after being confined to his home for about two weeks. He has filled most of the important township offices and has for years been Township Treasurer. He is also a member of the school board of District No. 2.

Dr. H. J. Poppen, of Forest Grove, was here on professional business Thursday. The doctor has an extensive territory, reaching a radius of ten miles from his home, and is always busy. Dr. T. G. Huizenga, of Zeeland, has also a share of the practice here.

A Christmas dinner was enjoyed by a large number of friends at the home of D. Thusher. Oysters were among the delicious entrees served. A good time is reported.

Rev. W. Pool preached his farewell sermon to this congregation Monday (Christmas). He will move this week to Oakdale Park, Grand Rapids. He has been pastor in this church for three years and leaves a number of friends.

Our professional men are few, but those we have are active and enthusiastic. We mention Dr. K. Koevers, V. S. The doctor is always kept busy and his practice meets with universal success.

With pleasure we announce that this place has this year been very fortunate as far as deaths is concerned. We only mention two, that of Mr. Vrugink which appeared in last week's issue, the other being a young man of twenty-one, son of H. Haan, who died after a lingering illness of five years.

The pedro party at J. Steffens last Thursday evening was well attended.

A mile east of the above mentioned is another enterprising business man, J. Van Farrowe, who is also having his share of the trade. His store is roomy and he has ample room to show his fine stock of general merchandise consisting of everything usually found in a first-class general store. Mr. Van Farrowe also gathers up considerable trade with his wagon making regular trips every week.

James L. Purchase, brother of our postmaster, will soon open a general store at Allendale Centre. James has for years been engaged in this kind of business and being well acquainted in and around that town he will soon establish a good trade.

Mr. and Mrs. L. DeWitt and daughter are visiting relatives in Drenthe and vicinity during the holidays.

The H. C. R. Church received a very encouraging letter from Rev. Huizenga of Fulton, Ill., in which the dominion states that he desires to be with them in the near future. He does not actually accept the call extended to him by this congregation, but this is evident that he will in the course of a week or two.

Henry Nibbelink mounted his Mustang pony the other day in true western style, but the animal was so full of humor at that time, and when he became tired of this exercise he so true Mustang style precipitated his burden on the ground.

Morey Bros. are busily engaged in making charcoal a short distance north of this place. Their facilities for producing this article are excellent. They have done away with the old method of covering the wood over with earth, and have erected a first-class kiln of brick structure and large capacity. They are now ready to furnish the best charcoal in the market, free from dirt and containing better heating qualities than any other.

A. Purchase, our merchant, is having a large trade this winter and keeps steadily increasing. He keeps a stock of all country necessities. His holiday trade is rushing, his goods are not shoddy but are fresh and of good quality. Fresh oysters, pork, meats, vegetables and fruits, always in season. For better prices and quality we need not go to Grand Rapids or anywhere else.

Our school has at present an enrollment of eighty-eight pupils in both departments, forty-eight in the higher and forty in the lower. The former is under the management of L. DeWitt, and the latter under Miss Lizzie Bohl. Although the enrollment is not up to that of last year, the attendance is better.

Last week the teachers and pupils took into consideration the letter of Com. Miss Goodnow in last week's paper concerning the suffering in the Upper Peninsula. The pupils, with the consent of their parents, contributed very liberally, and the collection taken up is sufficient to make light the weary and sad hearts of a number of needy boys and girls during the holidays. The school will close for a week until Jan. 2, 1904.

OTTAWA STATION.

Ottawa Station is a little village situated ten miles north of Holland on the old C. & W. M. R. R. It was platted into seventy-two streets, numbered and named, and was once a thriving little village with a grocery and dry goods store, drug store, jewelry store, post office and a three story hotel, besides a saloon, saw mill and large shingle mill. It was a great trading point for railroad wood and ties. But when the railroad was taken away it took most of the town with it. The shingle mill burned down and the hotel moved away for a barn. The drug store vanished and the whole town was paralyzed for a time, besides the country for several miles around was stunted for a time. While the railroad remained the people depended on wood and ties for a living and had neglected their farms therefore they were in a bad condition what little they had cleaned. But, alas! the railroad was gone and something had to be done. Besides wood and ties the most of them that did not go with the railroad went to work on the farm and now the farming country is in a prosperous condition. Ottawa is now left with two stores and post office. James Groves has a very nice little dry goods and grocery store. A. Lick has the post office and a store. This is the history of Ottawa Station from birth until the present time.

The watchword is "La grippe, hard times and soft roads."

Married last Saturday, Dec. 19, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr.

Cummings, of Grand Rapids, and Miss Maggie Purchase, formerly of this place but who has been to Grand Rapids for the last two years. May success and happiness attend them through the stormy sea of life.

J. M. Fellows arrived home Dec. 23d from Jenison where he has been staying for the past week with his son, Edwin, who cut his foot two or three weeks ago. He caught cold in it and blood poison set in. He reports that he is doing very nicely but it will lay him up all winter. He will go back Dec. 24 and stay another week. He had in attendance a healing medium from Muskegon, a Mrs. Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Canapple and family, of Muskegon, are at J. M. Fellows' to spend the holidays. They also brought Mr. and Mrs. Welen of the same place with them to enjoy the fair air of the country for a few days.

Levi Fellows and Bert Welton have started their feed mill, and I noticed a sign on the mill in big letters "Feed grinding every Friday done here."

Last Friday evening, Dec. 23d, there was a very jovial party gathered at the residence of Eugene Fellows and family. The evening was spent in playing progressive pedro until about midnight when refreshments were served. There was a gathering of about 30 or 35 young people and friends from Bass River and Ottawa Station. The people of Bass River all came in one big load and found the roads very bad, therefore had to come very slow. But they did not seem to mind that. It is reported that they all had a capital time and were well satisfied with the evening.

Misses Ina and Esther Fellows, who have been away teaching, are home for a week's vacation.

Mrs. Van Gasbeck, who has been a sufferer of rheumatism for a good many years, is worse this winter than ever. She is almost as helpless as a baby and anyone who may see her will plainly see that she has been a very great sufferer. She is 74 years old and her husband is 82. They are the oldest residents of Ottawa Station and vicinity.

Your correspondent wishes you a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful new year.

WEST OLIVE.

Capt. Ewald and family of Pentwater who have been visiting Mr. Ebels for two weeks, have gone to Grand Rapids. Mr. Boyer's family have all been suffering from the grip, but are better now.

Miss Baker is recovering from her recent illness, but is not yet able to finish her school.

Little Bo Willey is very sick.

A company of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ebels spent a very pleasant evening at their home Monday.

John Robbins is very sick with the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse invited a few of their friends to enjoy with them a Christmas tree Monday evening. All report a very nice time.

Our bustling butcher Joe Peck is doing a good business these days, judging by the people visiting his neat little market.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Anys with Mr. and Mrs. Abe Peck are visiting friends at Fillmore this week.

A pleasant dancing party was held at Mr. Garbrecht's Saturday evening.

Mrs. Dennis of Saginaw took Christmas dinner with her daughter Mrs. Joe Peck.

John Sankey and family of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with relatives here.

Arie Stewart returned to Grand Rapids Tuesday after visiting with his parents a few weeks.

There was a dance at M. Van Slooten's Monday night. A good time is reported.

Our professor of public instruction is enjoying the holiday vacation out of town.

We understand G. W. Davidson is striving for the honor of being postmaster at this place. To the victor belongs the spoils.

Mr. Black has been very sick for some time and at present is not much better.

DRENTHE.

This prosperous village is situated in the south-eastern portion of the township of Zeeland. Its enterprise is a well established fact. If the present ratio of increase since 1890 continues till the year 2000 it will equal or exceed the population of Boreulo.

Last Wednesday the Christian Reformed Church held their annual meeting. Teunis Van der Slyck was elected as elder in place of Albert Lanning and Albert Ridding as deacon in place of H. Lubbers who resigned. Mesink Boer and Henry Essing were re-elected. Our able janitor Mr. Albert Dewing was re-engaged for another year with an increase of salary of \$10.00.

On Wednesday evening a company of young people from New Holland visited R. A. Hyma and family. They reported fine sleighing. In spots the teamster shook his head but said nothing. After partaking of supper and having a good time they made their way back to the starting point. General good time is reported.

A Sunday School feast is the theme of conversation, which will be held on Wednesday next. Singing, speaking, eating and drinking will be the program. Home talent the participants. The attractions at Drenthe are so well known that we report the arrivals from abroad to spend the holidays here: Lucas De Witt, teacher from Biendon, and his lady; Miss Rika Essing, teacher from Zutphen; I. De Vries, medical student from Ann Arbor; Albert Broene and Nicholas Boer, students at Hope College; Benj. Stegink, principal of the Christian Ref. school at Grand Rapids, and his lady; Albert Hyma, teacher at Crisp; Herman Rietmink, teacher at Crisp; Miss Clara Hofma, student at the Holland high school; Miss Maggie Van Spyker of Grand Rapids; Klaas Poppen of Ann Arbor; and Gerrit Wolcott, teacher at Beaverdam.

School closed last Friday to have vacation till the 2nd of January.

Inspector P. Borst visited our schools last Friday.

Our business men are doing a good business. Hard times has not affected them yet.

Our genial harness maker, Cornelius Ver Huis, was called to the bedside of Cornelius Wierda, his father-in-law, who is dangerously ill with the la grippe and pneumonia.

Wood and Coal.

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TAKEN TO CHICAGO.

WEALTHY PITTSBURG IRON MANUFACTURER KIDNAPED.

F. M. Byers Kept in Hiding in Various Cities Since Last May—Henry B. Shields, a Prominent Ohio Iron Man, Charged With the Crime—A Physician Also Figures in the Case.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Henry B. Shields of Coleman, Shields & Company, iron manufacturers of Niles, O., and manager of the Girard furnace at Girard, O., was arrested Saturday evening, charged with kidnaping F. M. Byers of Pittsburgh, a member of the wealthy iron manufacturing firm of A. M. Byers & Company of that city. The warrant was sworn out by Mrs. Byers. Shields arrived in the city Saturday morning and registered at the Hotel Grace under the name of J. P. Perry, Boston, O. The arrest was made so quietly that no one about the hotel knew of it. The prisoner was taken before Justice Murphy and admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000.

Attorney George S. Baker, who represents Mrs. Byers in Chicago, says: "May 13 last Henry B. Shields took Mr. Byers from the hotel in Pittsburgh where he was then living and brought him to Chicago. Here he was placed in the charge of Dr. Lewis Tallman, house physician at the Great Northern hotel. Mr. Byers was, by various artifices and charges against his wife, worked into a state in which he was easily handled."

"Shortly after his arrival here he was placed under the immediate charge of a woman nurse named Dills, who received her directions from Dr. Tallman. For more than three months Mrs. Byers made diligent search and inquiry for her husband and during this period, she says, Mr. Byers wrote frequently to her, but none of these letters reached her and when he would inquire why, he was told that she no longer cared for him."

"After long search F. M. Byers and his nurse were found in St. Paul. Mrs. Byers went immediately there and found him. The next day Dr. Tallman arrived and together they returned to the Great Northern hotel in this city. It was while they were here that Mr. Byers was again taken away. This time by Dr. Tallman, while Mrs. Byers lay ill."

"Dr. Tallman, with the nurse, took his patient to Montreal, where he registered the party as 'Dr. E. M. Brown, J. L. Smith and Mrs. Alva Dobson, Chicago.' Since then Byers has been taken to various parts of the country. He has drawn, personally, but little money from his firm, yet it is estimated that since his abduction last May there has been spent from some source for his account a sum approximating \$15,000."

"At various times," continued Mr. Baker, "we have asked to know Mr. Byers whereabouts but each time we were put off. The people who have had him under control have refused every proposition we have made. We know from statements made by Tallman and others that Byers wants to go his wife, but is held in duress and detained in the manner related herewith."

BOUND, GAGGED AND ROBBED

Three Men Arrested for Robbing a Farmer.

One Confesses.

UTICA, N.Y., Dec. 25.—Sunday morning three men were arrested for the robbery of the farmer, Mathew Miner, who, Saturday night with his daughter-in-law, was gagged and his house robbed of \$1,900. A policeman saw in the station three suspicious characters and finally arrested them. When taken to the station house they were searched and between \$1,900 and \$2,000 were found on their persons, most of it in bills. A mask and a lady's gold watch were also found. They gave their names as Michael Callo, Samuel Macarillo and Felio Melia of New York. Callo, after a little persuasion, confessed the crime and implicated his companions.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Two Policemen in Chicago Suspended and Locked Up.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Officers Healy and Moran of the Deering Street station were locked up Monday, charged with the murder of Samuel Nelson, the proprietor of a small cigar store. Nelson met with the officers in front of a saloon and invited them in to celebrate Christmas. The officers soon left and Nelson had a row with the barkeeper who ejected him. The officers, who were outside, tried to pacify Nelson, but he knocked Healy down. He was then put under arrest, and when he attempted to escape they both opened fire on him, one bullet inflicting a wound from which Nelson soon died. The officers were suspended and locked up.

A Wedding Will Delay Consideration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The consideration of the bills providing for the admission of the territories to the Union as states will be delayed somewhat after the reconvening of congress by the marriage of Senator Faulkner, chairman of the senate committee on territories which will occur on Jan. 3, the day set for the reassembling of congress.

Wealthy Planter Murdered.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 25.—Mansel Mitchell, a planter and merchant of this county, was murdered Saturday evening at Ursino Landing, Davis Bend, by Willis Green, colored. Mitchell prevented Green from shipping a bale of stolen cotton, which was the only provocation for the crime. The murderer escaped.

Earthquake Shock in Pennsylvania.

BEFORD, Pa., Dec. 25.—A very perceptible shock of earthquake was felt here at 1:35 Sunday afternoon. Several families in the western part of town fled from their homes, thinking a terrible calamity had happened.

A Reorganization Probable.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—An early reorganization of the Santa Fe system is probable, said General Solicitor Peck Monday night. "And it is hoped that the reorganization will be completed without the lopping off of the branches."

Henry Pettit Is Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Henry Pettit, the dramatist is dead. He had been suffering for some days past from typhoid fever. Mr. Pettit's works include "The Black Flag," "Fifteen Up to Date," "Hands Across the Sea," etc.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OTTAWA.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Ottawa, holden at the Probate office, in the city of Grand Haven, in said county, on Thursday, the twenty-first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

Present, John V. B. Goodrich, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Cornelius Van den Havel, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Seta Van den Havel, widow and sole legatee named in the will of said deceased, praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, tiled in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of Cornelius Van den Havel, deceased, and for the appointment of Cornelius Van den Havel, son of said deceased, as administrator with the will annexed thereof.



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BROKE THROUGH ICE

A YOUNG BOY DROWNED AT SPRING-
WELLS MONDAY.

The Boy's Father Came Near Meeting the
Same Fate In Attempting the Rescue.
Paul Johnson's Victim Dead, and He
Will Now Be Charged With Murder—Ex-
Sheriff Adair of Lapeer Dead.

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Between 10 and
11 o'clock Monday morning Adolph
Pubanti, aged 8, who lives with his
parents on Hall's brick yard in Spring-
wells, fell through the ice while play-
ing on a pond on the Lonyo road, be-
tween Michigan and Dix avenues. He
was walking along when the ice sud-
denly cracked beneath him and he
dropped into the cold water. One of
his companions noticed his peril and
ran and notified the men at the brick
yard and also Pubanti's father.

The latter went to the rescue of his
son and he succeeded in reaching the
place where he fell in. The ice was too
thin to bear his weight and he also fell
in. By this time the neighborhood was
alarmed and a number of people flocked
to the scene. Boards and ropes were
procured and after a good deal of hard
work one man succeeded in pulling out
the father. The latter was chilled
through and in an unconscious condi-
tion when rescued.

Young Adolph had disappeared from
view before his father was rescued, he
being unable to stand the cold water,
which was seven feet deep. The men
called to him to hang on to the ice, but
he gradually lost consciousness and
sank. His body was recovered about
an hour later and was taken to the
home of his parents.

Dr. Bryan was called to attend the
father and after working over him
some time succeeded in bring him
around all right.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

Decision of the Jury In the Scott Murder
Trial at Marshall.

MARSHALL, Dec. 25.—On the opening
of court in the Scott murder trial
Saturday morning J. Clapp addressed
the jury on behalf of the prosecution,
and appealed to the sympathies of the
jury by describing the desolate homes
of the victims of the wreck.

S. S. Hurlbut of the defense followed
with a concise, logical address. He
scored the prosecution, alleging that
the prosecution had followed Conde-
tor Scott as a bloodhound follows its
unfortunate victim. He characterized
Fireman Turner, one of the principal
witnesses of the prosecution, as a rank
perjurer, and an unskillful liar. He
closed with an affecting picture of the
dissolution which would exist in the
home of Scott were he confined within
prison walls, which brought tears to
the eyes of most of those present.

The jury were out one hour and 30
minutes and when they returned the
verdict of "not guilty" was received
with a spontaneous outburst of hearty
applause from the crowded courtroom.
The first ballot stood 4 to 1 for acquittal
and it took five ballots to decide. The
verdict is believed to be a direct result
of the evidence not depending on sym-
pathy with the accused.

Engineer Woolley's case cannot come
on until the March term, and the
chances are in favor of its being nol-
prossed.

THE JACOBS INVESTIGATION.

Testimony for the Defense All In and the
Case Adjourned Till Friday.

Owosso, Dec. 25.—In the investiga-
tion of the Sullivan lynching Saturday,
Frank Watson of Owosso testified
that he reassured Jacobs as to his
right to call the militia
out, but told him "not to mon-
key with the troops." He thought that
they were not needed. He did not
think there would be an attack upon
the jail.

A. T. Nichols of Cornua did not see
anything on the day before the lynching
to warrant a belief that an attack
on the jail would take place. He saw
the officers and the lynchers. He saw
them tie the sheriff's hands and thought
Jacobs did all he could.

George Robinson, Owosso, said he
acted as one of Jacobs' deputies. He
had a revolver and would have shot,
but it would not go off. This concluded
the testimony for the defense.

A. Lee Williams of Owosso next said
that in conversation with Deputy Van
Houten the latter had stated that Jacobs
ordered them to "do the best you can,
but do no shooting."

After a few more witnesses were ex-
amined the case was adjourned until
next Friday.

MURDER AT GRAND RAPIDS.

John Wanderhem Shot and Instantly
Killed John Eikman.

GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 25.—John G.
Wanderhem Saturday night shot and
instantly killed John Eikman and then
hunted up a friend and went to the
police station and gave himself up.

Wanderhem is about 35 years old and
has a young and pretty wife with
whom Eikman became enamored. Eik-
man made frequent visits to the home,
and finally became pressing in his at-
tention, but Mrs. Wanderhem would
have nothing to do with him. Satur-
day afternoon Eikman called, and de-
clared he would return at night and
kill the woman and her husband. He
called about 7 o'clock and found the
front door locked. He then went to
the back door and forced an entrance.
Wanderhem had his double-barrelled
shotgun ready and fired when his wife
urged him to do so. Eikman was armed
with a double-barrelled shotgun and
apparently was bent on murder.

Paul Johnson's Victim Dead.

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Floyd Howard,
the colored man who was stabbed at
772 Beaubien street early Sunday night,
died at Grace hospital at 2:30 o'clock
Monday afternoon and his assailant,
Paul Johnson, stands charged with
murder. When Howard was first
taken to the hospital the doctors pro-
nounced his injuries fatal and the
police immediately notified Prosecuting
Attorney Frazer, who took his ante-
mortem statement in the presence of
the prisoner. Howard lingered through
the night, but gradually grew weaker
and became unconscious and remained
in that condition until he died.

Second Degree Murder.

SAGINAW, Dec. 25.—The fourth trial
of William Palmer, charged with mur-
dering his brother Albert, was con-
cluded Saturday by the jury returning

a verdict of murder in the second de-
gree. Prosecuting Attorney Snow made
a very able closing argument and Judge
John E. Snow, who has been indefatig-
able in behalf of his client, has man-
aged his case throughout with marked
ability. On the announcement of the
verdict, the defense moved that they be
allowed 90 days in which to move for a
new trial or to prepare a bill of particu-
lars. Judge McKnight granted the
first request, but said that he would de-
cide on the question of sentencing the
prisoner on the reconvening of court
next Wednesday. This last trial has
consumed 12 days and has cost the
county about \$2,500. Altogether the
Palmer case has cost Saginaw county
\$10,000.

Presentation at Lapeer.

LAPEER, Dec. 26.—Hon. Joseph B.
Moore, judge of the sixth judicial
circuit, presented Dr. A. H. Thompson
of this city with a handsome cane as a
Christmas present, in appreciation of
the doctor's valuable services rendered
the judge in his recent severe illness.
The doctor accepted the gift with the
good grace which the occasion required.
Dr. Thompson has served four terms
as mayor of Lapeer, and at present he
is a member of the school board, having
been elected last spring, after one of
the closest struggles known in
local politics.

Death of Ex-Sheriff Adair.

UTICA, Dec. 26.—Mr. George E. Adair,
one of the oldest residents of this place,
died at the residence of his son, Charles
Adair, with whom he has lived for
several years. He has been in failing
health for a long time. He was widely
known throughout the county. He held
the office of sheriff of Macomb county
two years and served in the army dur-
ing the war of the rebellion three years,
going out as lieutenant and coming
home a captain. He left one brother,
and of his own family there remains
one son and three daughters. He was
81 years old.

Pollmen Convicted of Stealing.

TROSVOOD, Dec. 25.—John Brattlund,
John Jacobson and Otto Isaacson, mem-
bers of the police force, were found
guilty of stealing supplies from the
public relief store of which they were
custodians during the night time. The
trial occupied two days and created
such interest that the opera house was
hired to allow people to hear the pro-
ceedings. The evidence showed that
each took a 150-pound sack of flour last
Sunday morning. Judge Stevens fined
the blue coats \$20 each which, together
with the costs, amounted to nearly \$50
apiece for the three sacks taken.

New Michigan Corporations.

LANSING, Dec. 26.—During the past
week the following corporations filed
articles of association with the secre-
tary of state: Harvey Livery company,
Detroit, \$5,000; Porter Manufacturing
company, Jackson, \$50,000; Portage
Lake and Lake Superior Ice and Coal
Storage company, Hancock, \$10,000;
Pontiac Standard Light company, Pon-
tiac, \$30,000; the St. Carrier Pharmacy
company, Bay City, \$5,000; Alma Build-
ing and Loan association, Alma, \$150,-
000.

Killed In a Wreck.

MARQUETTE, Dec. 23.—An eastbound
freight train went through a trestle
near Trout Creek, about 75 miles west
of here at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.
The engine and one car went over safe-
ly, but the eleven following cars went
down with the bridge. Engineer
William Turner jumped, was caught
in the wreck and died in 45 minutes
after being taken out. The rest of the
crew escaped injury. Turner lived
here and had only been married two
months.

Wedding at Charlotte.

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 22.—Hon. Hugh
McCurdy of Cornua, the eminent
Knight Templar, was married in this
city Thursday to Mrs. Emma Goodrich.
Only relatives and a few near friends
witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs.
McCurdy immediately departed for
their future home in Cornua, where
they will remain for a few days and
then they will go south to spend the
winter.

For the Poor.

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—James McMillan
has wired to the president of the poor
commission from Washington, placing
the munificent sum of \$5,000 at their
disposal. In connection with this gen-
erous gift the senator throws out a sug-
gestion as to the proper manner of
spending this amount, at the same time
leaving it to the commission to do with
it as they see fit.

Fire In a Hotel.

DETROIT, Dec. 25.—At an early hour
Saturday morning fire broke out in the
Europian hotel, on Monroe avenue, op-
erated by G. H. Gies & Company, and
before it could be subdued the flames
had damaged the interior about \$15,000.
No cause can be assigned for the fire,
but it caught somewhere in the kitchen.

Died of Typhoid Fever.

CASSOPOLIS, Dec. 22.—The wife of
William H. Coulter, sheriff of Cass
county, died quite suddenly at 6 o'clock
Thursday evening after a few days' ill-
ness with typhoid fever. She had al-
ways lived in this county and was well
known and highly esteemed by all who
knew her.

An Ungateful Tramp.

JACKSON, Dec. 26.—George Williams
took John Henderson, a penniless tour-
ist, into his boarding house last week
and gave him food and clothing. Hen-
derson stole his coat and revolver and
went away, but was captured Monday
at Dowagiac.

A Carpenter Meets With Accident.

BAY CITY, Dec. 23.—James Noble, a
carpenter, slipped off the roof of
William Henry's roof and besides
breaking his left ankle, sprained his
right knee and ankle. He struck the
ground on both feet, after a fall of 18
feet.

Adrian's Masonic Temple Destroyed.

ADRIAN, Dec. 22.—The Masonic tem-
ple, built in 1865 at a cost of \$80,000,
and by all odds the handsomest block
in the city, was destroyed by fire
Wednesday night.

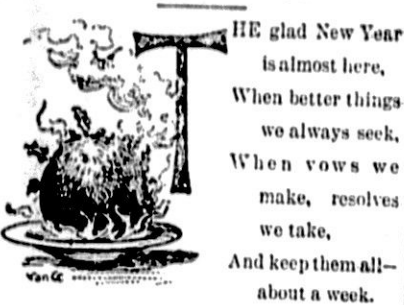
Died of Apoplexy.

PORT HURON, Dec. 23.—The wife of
Hon. Watson Beach, judge of the Sam-
lac and Huron county circuit, died
very suddenly at her home at Lexing-
ton. The cause was a stroke of apoplexy.

Resignation Accepted.

PELHAM, Dec. 26.—The First Congre-
gational society of this city has accepted
the resignation of its pastor, Rev.
Charles L. Dyer, the pastor insisting
upon its acceptance.

NEW YEAR'S CAROL.



A NEW YEAR BALL.

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Christmas was never observed in Sul-
livan alley, from some occult cause, with
the same vim and spirit that made New
Year's so memorable a festival. Per-
haps it was because there was a dim, un-
defined sentiment that Christmas was a
holier day than New Year's; but, how-
ever it might have been, the fact re-
mained that New Year's was the great
day of the year for those who inhabited
that narrow alley that extended only
from one street to another through the
middle of the block. There were tall
tenement houses on each side of the al-
ley, "double deckers" some of them, and
in each lived from 10 to 20 families. The
people were all hard working and hon-
est. If their hands were not white and
soft, they were strong and capable.

The alley swarmed with children—lit-
tle girls staggering under the load of a
baby and the boys under a load of old
laths or coal, gathered in their regular
trips in search of such family necessities.
The mothers generally toiled in their
rooms with willing hearts, while the
men of the household were away plying
their different avocations. The young
daughters of Sullivan alley were mostly
employed in box factories or mills or at
cigar-making, and so every morning
the alley was almost depopulated, to
overflow again at night when the tired
workers returned.

But "all work and no play makes Jack
a dull boy." So thought these good peo-
ple, and the "residents" had all put in
as much money as they could individ-
ually afford and hired a large room that
had been originally intended for a sal-
oon, and this had been fancifully deco-
rated and was used for occasional meet-
ings of the men and a "grand annual
New Year's ball." It was now nearing
the time for that "annual ball that takes
place every year, rain or shine, under
the patronage of Hon. Dan Sullivan."

This prospectus would not strike the
majority of us with delight, but to little
Delia Kelly it promised fairylike possi-
bilities. She had never been to a ball.



"WILL YER GO?"

for she had been too poor an orphan to
ever have a really decent suit of clothes
in her life, let alone a ball gown. Delia's
real name was Bridget, but for some re-
markable reason Delia stands for Bridget,
particularly when Bridget is in the habit
of spending her every spare minute in
reading the family story papers. Delia's
only relation was a half blind grand-
mother, who wore a quilted hood and
knitted coarse stockings for her living.
Delia worked as buncher in a feather
factory and earned as high as \$5 a week
sometimes, but then other times she only
got \$1.50—according to the briskness of
trade—as she did piecework.

Delia was pretty, with violet eyes, half
hidden by thick lashes, a delicate com-
plexion, curling Auburn hair and a dainty,
curved mouth and snow white teeth, and
she was naturally graceful and had a
good figure for a girl who worked so hard
and couldn't afford corsets. Delia, being
pretty, was much admired by several of
the sons of families in Sullivan alley;
but, strange to say, she did not know it.
Her mind was so taken up by dreams
and fancies of what she would like to be
that she never thought of what she was,
and her love of reading kept her aloof
from the chatter of other girls or the
awkward attentions of the young men.

The day that Delia was 18 she noticed
the great blue and red posters on the
walls of the alley telling about the
"grand annual ball," etc., and her heart
gave a great thump and then stood still.
She had been reading about a grand ball,
and how Angelina Araminta Jones had
danced with a great prince who was
there incognito, and how he had married
her on the spot. Here was romance made
real—a New Year's ball. The rest might
come. Her busy brain pictured herself
with blazing dark eyes, superb raven
black hair and a pink dress looped with
yellow flowers. She never thought of
herself in these visions except as having
dark eyes and hair and a dazzling com-
plexion. The violet eyes and red hair
were not the real Delia's, but the com-
mon, workday Delia's—not the dream De-
lia, who was to be carried off by a prince.
But it was very odd that this mysterious
prince who always appeared "incog" had
a remarkable resemblance to Larry Fin-
negan in the face, though to be sure the
garments differed greatly from the
Larry wore when driving his own smart
little local express. The prancing horse-
toe, used to look a little like Billy, whose
sorel foot was just the color of Delia's
own hair.

While Delia was dreamily eying the
placard Larry approached and said:
"I was just in to see yer mammy, Miss
Delia, and she said I could accept of
your company—I mean you could ac-
cept of mine—to go to the ball together.
Will ye go?"

Would she? Was not her heart hop-
ping up and down with joy? But she
said:

"I'll let you know tomorrow."
"I'll call tomorrow evening; but, De-
lia, if you don't go with me and do go
with Tim Sullivan I'll lick him so that
he can't dance a step."

Delia smilingly went home. Her
grandmother said sharply:
"Ye are late, Delia, and I don't want ye
to get a habit of talking in the street wid
ony one."

"Larry Finnegan asked me to the
grand annual ball, granny. What did
you tell him?"

"Oh, faith, I said ye might go if ye
want to, but I don't know what ye'll
wear, wid them Mulligan girls having
rulo silk dresses too."

"I've got four-ninety-nine, granny.
Don't you think I could do with that if
I make it myself?"

"Um-m. I've ten-forty-six myself that
I can spare, for I'd like ye to look well,
Daly."

"I'll buy the stuff tomorrow, granny,"
said Delia, and then she went to her
story paper for a description of the re-
splendent gown that had captured the
prince, and all night long little Delia
saw herself attired in a pink gown with
yellow roses, and everybody was asking
her to dance, but while the music
throbbed and her little feet twitched
she refused them all, for there in a
corner stood the prince in glittering
splendor, "incognito," but looking out of
Larry's eyes.

There was but half a day at the fac-
tory the next day, and Delia went to buy
her ball gown. She hunted and searched
in dozens of stores before she found
what she wanted in color. It was cheap
and wide, so that she could get enough
to make a double skirt to loop up with
yellow roses, and then there was another
long search for roses to loop it up with
that were of a rich and deep enough
tint to satisfy the demands of the gown
to capture the prince. These cost so
much that she could not buy gloves or
slippers, if indeed she felt the need of
them, for Araminta apparently had not
worn any, as they had not been men-
tioned.

Larry called, and granny told him that
Daly would be ready for the grand, etc.,
on New Year's eve, and he was obliged
to go without having seen Delia. She
was in such a fever of delight that she
was afraid he would see it, and that
would never do. Besides, she was sewing
on her dress. Poor child! She worked
hard all day and sewed on that gown by
the light of a little lamp, and the rosy
sunset clouds never looked lovelier to
her than the deep pink folds of her dress.
The waist did not fit very well, but there
was a great bunch of yellow roses on the
front. The skirt hung unequally, and
the gathers were fuller in the front than
back, but the overskirt was looped in
two places with enormous sprays of roses
and foliage. Her best white petticoat
had been starched as stiff as it would hold
by granny, and the whole outfit lay
spread on Delia's bed—a thing of ravish-
ing beauty to her and granny's eyes.

Delia could scarcely eat or sleep dur-
ing that last week, and now the eventful
night had come. The alley was ablaze
with lights, and these fell on the white
surface of the softly falling snow with a
grand effect. Men bustled about, and
from her window Delia could see the
brilliant "ball," and then she put on her
first ball gown. The light brought out
the color of the roses in full effect against
the deepened pink of the farlariat, but
Delia's plump white neck and arms, her
glowing eyes, and the roseleaf color com-
ing and going on her cheeks, and the
glints of gold in the curling hair made
one forget the rest. She had no gloves,
and she wore her best buttoned boots,
but they looked coarse to dance in. Still
she did not know it.

She was ready, with granny's shawl
to throw around her, when Larry made
his appearance. He had shaved and
had his brown mustache curled and his
hair plastered down to his eyebrows in
two stiff scallops. He had a blue neck-
tie and a diamond pin that must have
cost at least \$1.25 in it. His vest was
black, his coat gray and his pants brown,
but that was the fashion in Sullivan
alley. He bowed and scraped and got
red in the face as he saw Delia in all her
beauty and magnificence, and asked if
he had the honor of seeing her well, and



MAKING THE BALL DRESS.

could he beg her to allow him the honor
of escorting her to the ball, and it was
nearly 8 and quite time to go, so that
they could be in the opening march
which always began at 8 sharp.

Delia bowed as if to a stranger and
then took his arm in a happy trance, and
saying, "Good night, granny," they went
down the fire escapes of stairs and across
the street to the hall. The dressing room
was full, but emptied almost instantly
as the first notes of the music sounded
and all the gentlemen were waiting for
their ladies, and as each couple met they
fell into line and marched around. The
Sullivan was there with Kitty McMillan.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Every man has a right to liberty of
conscience.

The annual slaughter of cattle includes
over 600,000 for beef extracts. These get
in the soup.

The value of the yeast powders manu-
factured last year reached \$26,000,000,
and it is still a rising business.

A Denmark old maids' insurance com-
pany pays regular weekly "benefits" to
spinsters of 40 years and upward.

A bank official who "speaks by the
card" says that the most costly metal is
indium, worth \$4,500 per pound.

The bill collector is one of those things
that does not want to be put off until to-
morrow.—Binghamton Republican.

Pope John II. 332, had a "first water
diamond of five pennyweights, upon
which was carved an exact likeness of
Christ."

The faith of Islam is based primarily
upon the Koran, which is believed to
have been delivered to the prophet by the
Angel Gabriel.

The inhabitants of London each eat
every year 65 pounds of apples, 2 of cher-
ries, 40 of pears, 17 of plums, 1 of ras-
berries and 4 of strawberries.

'Tisn't true that the perfume of flow-
ers is bad for folks' lungs. At least, in
the town of La Grasse, France, where
vast quantities of perfumery are made,
consumption is almost unknown.

"It always pays a man in my business
to take plenty of time," murmured the
burglar softly to himself, gently dump-
ing the third tray of gold watches into
his capacious bag.—Buffalo Courier.

The rushlight or rush candle, which
has been the "poor man's light" for many
centuries, was prepared by stripping a
dried rush of its bark except one small
strip, which held the pith together, and
dipping it repeatedly in the tallow.

St. Paul's cathedral in London, which
dates back more than 200 years, and
which was called finished in 1710, has had
much work done on it since that time as
part of the original design, and even now
statues are being placed in the niches in
the dome designed for them by Sir Chris-
topher Wren.

Fred Grant on Diplomacy.

Colonel Fred D. Grant, in his address
at the dinner in the Brooklyn Union
League club, spoke of diplomacy and
concluded by giving his ideas of the
qualifications a diplomat should possess.
"First," he said, "a diplomat should be
absolutely loyal to his own government,
for no foreign statesman will respect or
trust a man who has not always been
loyal to the country he represents. He
must be sufficiently educated in his pro-
fession to be able to intelligently discuss
the intercourse between nations and pro-
pose honorable and fair dealings for the
future, and he should be able to do this
in the French, which is the diplomatic
language, in the language of the country
to which he is accredited, as well as in
his own tongue. Second, a diplomat
should, upon every possible occasion,
show most cordial feelings for the gov-
ernment, customs and institutions of
the nation to which he is accredited and
make every one with whom he comes in
contact feel that he is their friend.
Without these qualifications a diplomat
can be of little use to his country, and
his record will be either inglorious or
utterly devoid of importance."—Phila-
delphia Ledger.

Why "Annie Laurie" Was Played.

The following was one of the most
striking incidents of the day on which
all that was mortal of the late mayor of
Chicago was laid at rest:

One of the bands that had marched in
the funeral procession when passing the
Auditorium building south on Michigan
avenue on its homeward march in the
evening struck up the tune of "Annie
Laurie." The music was cheerful and
stirring. A large crowd naturally gath-
ered in front of the hotel to see and hear
the band and view the regiment of sol-
diers that followed in its wake. Those
who at first failed to recognize the fa-
miliar air, and even many of those who
did, wondered at the lively strains from
a band which had but a few hours pre-
viously been playing solemn funeral
dirges in the procession from which they
were returning.

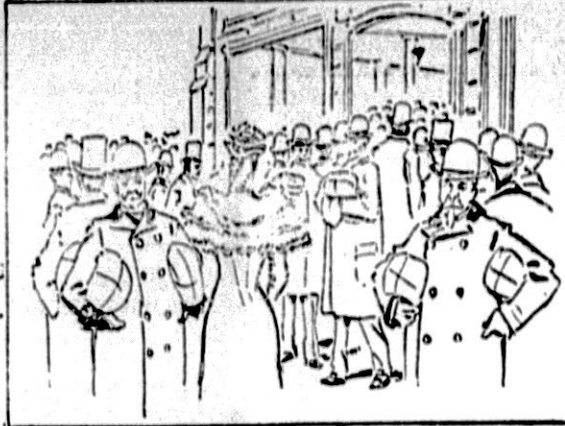
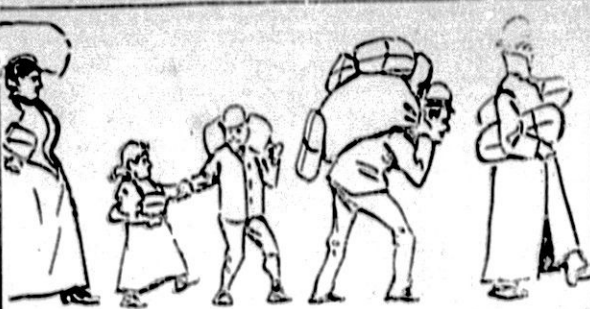
Gradually the meaning of it all dawned
upon the minds of the people, and the
words, "For my Bonnie Annie Laurie I
would lay me down and die," doubtless
were silently spoken by those who re-
called the last word that fell from the
dying lips of Carter H. Harrison—"An-
nie."—Chicago Correspondent.

Sixty Miles of Locusts.

The American Steamship company's
steamer Winnebago, which recently ar-
rived from West Africa at Liverpool,
had a most unusual experience when
steaming between the latitudes of Cape
Verde and St. Louis, Senegal. For 60
miles the vessel steamed through locusts,
which were so thickly packed together
on the top of the water that they com-
pletely covered the surface for miles
around; indeed, they appeared to be ly-
ing on the sea as far as the eye could
reach. The locusts had, no doubt, been
blown from the Morocco coast into the
sea. They resembled gigantic grasshop-
pers, and one which was secured was 5
inches in length. Of course all of the
locusts had been drowned.—Westmin-
ster Gazette.

A Fish Fooler.

The latest triumph of Yankee inven-
tiveness is in an india rubber fish-
worm. It is said to be a remarkably
good imitation of the common earth-
worm, is indestructible and in actual
use proves as alluring to the fishes as the
genuine article. The old fisherman will
be quick to perceive its advantages. One
can equip himself for a day's sport with-
out digging over a whole garden in his
search for bait. A handful of india rub-
ber worms will last him a whole season,
and there will be no necessity of pulling
up the line every few minutes to see if
the snail-trail worms have left the bag
baited with them. Fishermen.



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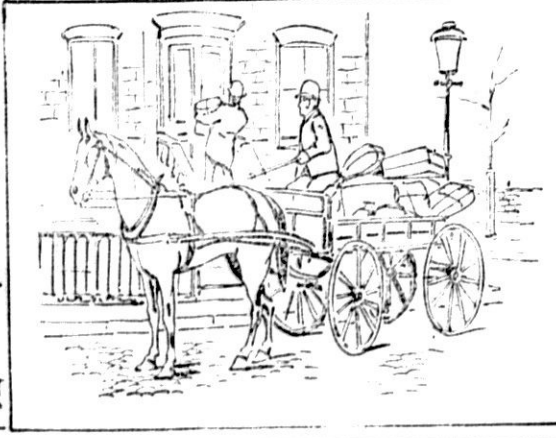
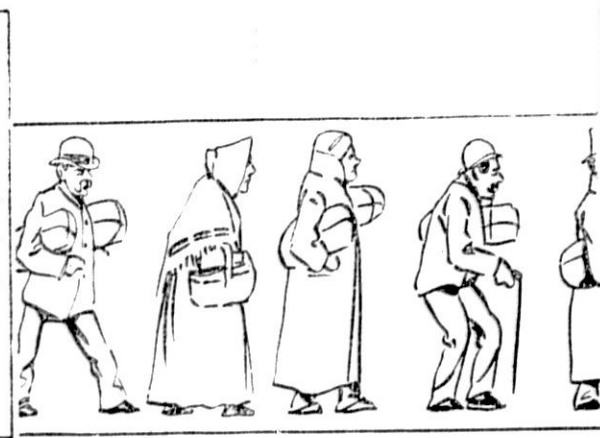
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Happy New Year.
Call at the Y. W. C. A. rooms on coming week and see what he can do new year's day. Reception from 2:30 to 5 p. m.
The Rev. W. P. Law will hold services in Grace Church Sunday, morning and evening.
No household which is blessed with children, should be without Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. In the treatment of croup and whooping cough, the Pectoral has an almost magical effect. It allays inflammation, frees the obstructed air passages, and controls the desire to cough.
This morning at about 9:30 o'clock the residence of Geo. Van Duren was badly gutted by fire. No one was at home at the time and it is supposed the fire started from the kitchen chimney. The firemen were promptly on the scene and soon put out the flames. The furniture and goods were all taken from the house. The damage by water is considerable and the total loss by fire and water will be several hundred dollars. Insured in the Continental of New York.

Visit the store of Nelson Pitton the coming week and see what he can do for you, before going elsewhere.

A Happy New Year.
The young ladies of the Y. W. C. A. and the members of the Y. M. C. A. wish every one a happy new year. To start the year with happiness the two societies will hold a reception in the afternoon of new years day at the rooms of the Y. W. C. A., in the bank block, from 2:30 to 5 p. m. All friends of the two societies are cordially invited to attend.
Nelson Pitton is selling fascinators and shetland wool shawls the 75c. quality for this sale 59c.
Are your eyes failing? if the are, go to the jewelry store of Otto Breyman & Son and have them tested free of charge. They will test them right and sell you spectacles as cheap as others that have no eye tester.
You can buy beautiful dress flannels, for one week only at 35c. per yard at the store of Nelson Pitton.

At a meeting of Crescent Tent No. 68 K. O. T. M. the following resolutions were adopted.
WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His Allwise providence to remove from our midst by death our beloved brother and Sir Knight James B. Brown, and
WHEREAS, The family of our deceased brother has lost a kind and loving husband and father, and Crescent Tent No. 68 K. O. T. M. a member who was always faithful and true to the order, therefore it be
Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of an Allwise providence, yet we do deeply mourn the loss of our brother Sir Knight Brown and extend to the family our sincere sympathy in this their hour of sad bereavement, and would earnestly commend them for consolation to Jesus, who is our elder brother, father and friend.
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother and spread upon the records of Crescent Tent.
J. A. MABBS,
A. W. RIEGEL,
A. HARRINGTON,
Committee.

Nelson Pitton is selling blankets and comforters at cost to-day and to-morrow.

It Is Warranted to Cure.
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Attend the linen sale at the store of Nelson Pitton, the coming week.

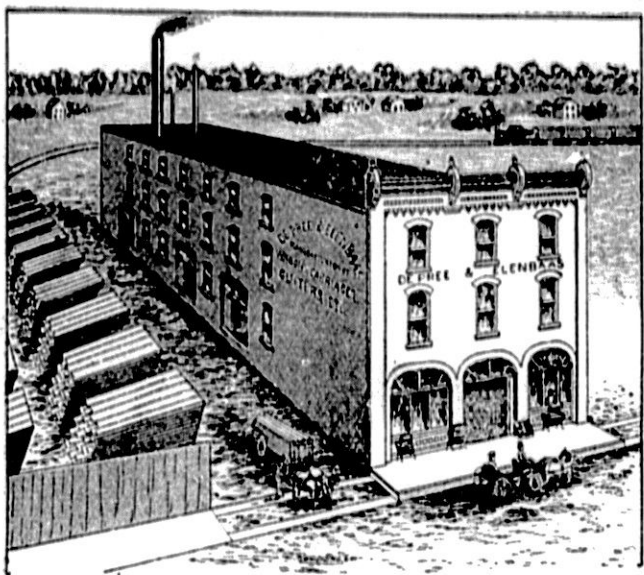
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Commercial Outlook.
WHEAT.
The world's visible supply will soon likely reach the largest amount ever known. Jan. 21, last, it was the largest, 82,250,000 bushels. Consumption and waste is probably about at its maximum the world over and speculation is about at its minimum point, with bull sentiment about "all gone." The flour visible is less than last year Christmas. The milling output is about the same as last year December. For the calendar year it will fall short of 1892. July wheat in Chicago is selling only about one cent over May, and at the lowest price at this season of the year ever known. In Minneapolis cash wheat commands May prices; their stocks are about 18 per cent. less than a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth have but eight million bushels, against twenty million last year. It is reported in the West that their visible supply is thirty-five million bushels less.
CORN.
Speculatively, the market seems to be depressed and likely to sell a cent or two lower in Chicago for May delivery although, considering the large receipts it acted very firm at Chicago Wednesday.
OATS.
The visible supply is small. The demand is good and kept fairly steady.
A splendid assortment of Diamonds at Stevenson's Jewelry Store.
Millinery goods at cost at Mrs. M. Bertsch's.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
List of letters advertised for the week ending Dec. 27, 1893, at the Holland, Mich., post-office: Miss Elsie Shotts, Mrs. W. J. Wilder, Minnie Woldinga, G. J. VAN DUREN, P. M.

Dry Goods Slaughter for the Next 30 Days!
We positively are going to make this the greatest slaughter sale in dry goods ever given in Holland. We do not mean to make this reduction in word only, but a genuine Big Reduction. Come to our store and see for yourself that what we say is true. Dress Goods, Cloaks, Jackets, Shawls, Fascinators, Hoods, Mitts, and everything in the Dry Goods line at cost price. Remember this sale lasts for only 30 days.
NOTTER & VERSCHURE,
In the New Block, Eighth St.

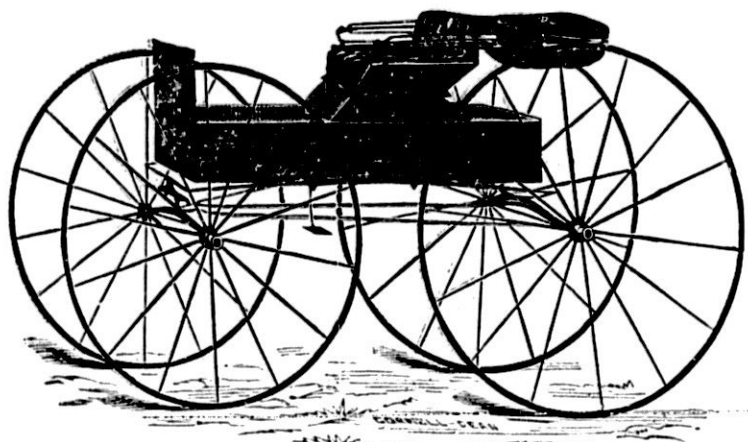
SLEIGHS!
James Kote, the north River street manufacturer and dealer in wagons and sleighs, has just received a lot of the best farm and road sleighs in the city. The sleighs are of the best material and pattern and are warranted to start and run easier and carry heavy loads with greater ease than any. They combine lightness, strength and durability and have stood the test of years of service. Call and examine and obtain prices.



SHOP OF DE PREE & ELENAAS.

One of the leading manufacturing plants in Zeeland is the planing mill and factory of De Pree & Elenbaas. They occupy a large three-story brick building, with the latest improved machinery, and employ eighteen men, paying them good wages. Sash, doors and all kinds of building material, wooden pumps, and their famous "Humburg" washing machine are manufactured. A large lumber yard gives builders an opportunity to get just what they want. Messrs. De Pree & Elenbaas also deal in cutters, carriages, buggies and wagons, always having a complete stock on hand to select from. The firm has established a reputation for fair and pleasant dealing and selling at very reasonable prices. Messrs. De Pree & Elenbaas are amongst our leading and influential citizens, and Zeeland is to be congratulated upon having this firm in their midst.

Henry De Kruif, Jr.,



THE FINEST

Carriages, Buggies, Road Wagons, Carts

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS AND AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Splendid Cutters,
Portland and Swell Body.
Sleighs of all Kinds.

We have on hand a complete stock of from the cheap, good, and serviceable to the best quality, with rubber trimmings, at a low figure. These are splendid goods and must be seen to be appreciated. We can save you money on all goods.

Harnesses

Farm Implements

OF ALL KINDS.

Main Street, - Zeeland, Mich.

ISAAC VER LEE,

— DEALER IN —

Books, Stationery, Toys,
Photograph, Autograph, Scrap Albums.

Everything in the Line of Office and School Supplies.

HOLIDAY GOODS OF ALL KINDS!

GOLD AND SILVER SPECTACLES!

CLOCKS, WATCHES AND JEWELRY!

Agency of Leading Insurance Companies.

CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK.

AND YOU WILL CALL AGAIN.

ZEELAND, MICH.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Prices Paid to Farmers.
PRODUCE.

Butter, per lb.	18
Eggs, per doz.	21
Dried Apples, per lb.	10
Potatoes, per bu.	40 to 45
Beans, per bu.	1.25 to 1.40
Beans, hand picked, per bu.	1.45 to 1.50
Onions, per bu.	30
GRAIN.	
Wheat, per bu.	55
Oats, per bu.	35 to 40
Corn, per bu.	38
Barley, per 100.	60
Buckwheat, per bu.	60
Rye, per bu.	42
Clover seed, per bu.	4.50
Timothy seed, per bu. (to consumers)	2.25
LIVE STOCK.	
Shoulders, smoked, per lb.	10 to 8
Chickens, dressed, per lb.	7 to 8
Chickens, live, per lb.	4 to 4 1/2
Turkey, dressed, per lb.	9 to 10
Turkey, live, per lb.	7 to 8
Tallow, per lb.	4
Lard, per lb.	7 to 7 1/2
Beef, dressed, per lb.	9 to 10
Pork, dressed, per lb.	10 to 11
Mutton, dressed, per lb.	4 1/2 to 5
Veal, per lb.	10 to 10 1/2
WOOD AND COAL.	
Price to consumers.	
Dry Beach, per cord.	2.00
Dry Hard Maple, per cord.	2.00
Green Beach, per cord.	1.80
Hard Coal, per ton.	7.50
Soft Coal, per ton.	4.00
FLOUR AND FEED.	
Price to consumers.	
May, per ton, Timothy.	7.00
Flour, "Sunlight," patent, per barrel.	4.25
Flour "Daisy," straight, per barrel.	3.40
Ground Feed, 1.00 per hundred, 10.00 per ton.	
Corn Meal, unbolled, 95c. per hundred, 18.00 per ton.	
Corn Meal, bolted, 3.00 per barrel.	
Middlings, 85c. per hundred, 16.00 per ton.	
Bran, 80c. per hundred, 15.00 per ton.	
Linseed Meal, 1.50 per hundred.	

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PRICES PAID FOR FUR.

Coon—Large, prime, good color and well handled, 90c. down to 50c. and less.	
Mink—Large, prime, dark, \$1.75, down to 90c. and less.	
Muskrat—Winter, 15c. fall, 11 to 8c.	
Red Fox, \$1.40, 70c. and 30c.	
Gray Fox, 30c.	
House Cat—Black, Large Prime, 20c.	
Skunk—Black, prime, \$1.40; Half stripe, 80c.	
Narrow stripe, white, 40c. broad stripe, white, 20c.	

CHANCERY SALE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Circuit Court for the County of Ottawa, in chancery.
EDWARD BUCKLEY, complainant.

VS.
SIDNEY CLARK and defendants.
ADELINE CLARK.

In pursuance of a decree of said court in said cause, made and dated on the Nineteenth day of January, 1892, notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in the city of Grand Haven in said county, on Monday, the ELEVENTH day of DECEMBER, 1892, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, all the following described land situated in said county of Ottawa, viz.: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Grand Haven, in the county of Ottawa, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot Seven (7) and east half of Lot Eight (8) in Block Seventeen (17) of Akeley's Addition to the city of Grand Haven, according to the recorded plat thereof, to satisfy the amount due complainant under said decree together with interest and costs of suit and of sale.
Dated October 24th, 1892.

JOHN C. POST,
Circuit Court Commissioner,
Ottawa County, Michigan.

SMILEY, SMITH & STEVENS,
Solicitors for Complainant. [oct27dec92]

The above sale is hereby adjourned until the twenty-sixth day of DECEMBER, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the same place.
Dated December 11, 1892.

JOHN C. POST,
Circuit Court Commissioner, Ottawa Co., Mich.
SMILEY, SMITH & STEVENS,
Solicitors for Complainant.

The above sale is hereby adjourned until January eighth, A. D. 1893, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the same place.
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ZEELAND DEPARTMENT.

Some of the Leading Business Places—
General News Items.

West Michigan Cigar Company.

Among the young but wide-awake business enterprises of Zeeland the West Michigan Cigar Company can be mentioned. Though not an old firm, the reputation of the goods manufactured has been such that they have now worked up a lucrative business. Splendid 5 and 10 cent goods are manufactured and a large trade in the county is the result. Besides the goods manufactured a full line of tobaccos, pipes, and cigar holders is kept on hand. Mr. Skipper, the genial proprietor, takes pride in his establishment. Dealers will do well to try some of their brands and will find them a good article.

John Van Gelderen.

When it comes to blankets, robes, bells, harness, and other horse and carriage articles you will find that the finest assortment of these goods can be found at John Van Gelderen, main street, Zeeland. You can buy a nice robe for \$2.50 or a splendid black dog robe for \$15. Blankets are going at low prices and you can have your choice from a large assortment at a price that will please you. In buying a harness it always pays to buy a good article. John can give you a good, hand sewed, good stock harness at a price that you perhaps have paid for an inferior class of goods. Don't be deceived, but come and trade with a reliable dealer. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done at reasonable figures. If you want anything in the above lines, call on John Van Gelderen.

Wm. De Pree & Bro.

This well known firm has one of the largest, most complete and well stocked hardware stores in the county. Everything belonging in a first class hardware can be found there. In the stove line they have had a large trade and customers who once deal there will come again. A splendid assortment of silverware is also kept in stock. They have the largest bicycle stock in the county and have sold many high grade wheels. Agricultural implements and furnaces are also kept on hand or secured on short notice. Messrs. De Pree have built up a large business and merit the esteem of the community by their fair and pleasant business dealings. Main street, Zeeland, Mich.

Isaac Ver Lee.

Among the leading firms in Zeeland, the book store of Isaac Ver Lee certainly is one. Mr. Ver Lee has at all times tried to keep in stock a full supply of all that was needed in that line and has one of the most complete book stores in the county. During the holidays his trade in fancy goods was immense. Lately a stock of gold and silver watches and other jewelry has been added and an expert jeweler is ready to do repairing of all kinds.

We made a slight mistake last week when we mentioned that Dick Boonstra is a graduate of the West Michigan Business College. He is a graduate of the old reliable Grand Rapids Business College. Ben J. Vencklasen, Gerrit Vencklasen and Geo. J. Den Herder, of this place are also pupils of this excellent institution.

The village has been extremely quiet the past week, notwithstanding it was Christmas week. Poor roads and no sleighing kept the farmers home. While the bad weather at the same time held the festive Zeeland youth in check, Christmas was celebrated in all our churches by special exercises and Christmas gifts to the little ones. The Reformed Church, Rev. De Jonge, held their exercises in the afternoon, consisting of recitations by the little ones of the Sunday school and singing by the older ones. A double quartet by the Misses Minnie and Mary Kampman, Everhard, Alice D. Pree and the Messrs. Evert Pruim, Ben Goozen, I. Van Dyk and Dorst. A solo by Miss L. M. De Kruif was also very much complimented.

The Reformed Church, Rev. Kreulen, also celebrated in the afternoon. While the Christian Reformed Church, Rev. Groen, had a banquet and social gathering of the Young People's Society in the evening.

Mrs. A. De Kruif was seen on the street and in church again.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cappon visited us Tuesday, the 26th, looking up friends and acquaintances.

Dr. George Baert was seen home Christmas.

Wm. De Kruif is reported recovered.

By the way, Christmas was a sore disappointment to our girls, like all holidays so far this winter. Not a particle of snow on the ground and thus no charming sleigh-rides, "en wat dies meer zij."

Mrs. Fred Hendricks has returned home after having performed the sad duty of laying her mother to rest in the quiet cemetery of Eastmanville. Her brother, A. Fow, is making his home now with her.

Caspar Lahous, C. D. Jonge, George Den Herder and Gerrit Vencklasen are

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

the students resting from their labors in our quiet village.

T. Van Eenennaam made a business trip to Grand Rapids last Thursday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boonstra, last Thursday, a ten-pound boy. Miss Anna Kamperman, who has been attending the Moody Institute at Chicago for some time, returned home Thursday, and is spending her vacation visiting friends and relatives.

Herb, Van Eenennaam, shipping and billing clerk for Carl Knott & Co., wholesale milliners of Grand Rapids, is one of the latest victims of la grippe.

The great attraction at Isaac Ver Lee's is a pair of cuckoo clocks and is drawing a big house every evening. His store is neatly decorated with a large assortment of holiday goods.

B. Steketee and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kamperman this week. J. Van der Laan, "the village blacksmith," has been out of town for a few days.

C. J. Den Herder was in Holland Saturday attending to business for the Zeeland Brick Co.

J. H. Petrie, principal of our public schools, has left town for parts unknown. He will return on or about January 2d.

Al. Lahous took a trip to the Valley City Saturday.

P. Borst has accepted a position as special agent for the Hancy School Furniture Co., of Grand Rapids, and is visiting the different schools in Ottawa county soliciting orders for everything for a first-class equipment in a school room.

Miss Delia Kossen, from Grand Rapids, who has been visiting with the Misses Dekker, returned home last Wednesday.

The marriage of Miss Laverta May Corsette to Albert Van Hees took place at the residence of the bride's parents, at Grand Rapids, last Monday. A reception was given at the home of Mr. A. G. Van Hees on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Wm. De Kruif entertained a company of young people at dinner last Monday evening. Covers were laid for ten.

Miss Irene Avery, of Forest Grove, is visiting with Miss Jennie Everdard.

Miss Gertie Schippers, daughter of B. Schippers, is dangerously ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Annie Cole took the train for Grand Rapids Wednesday.

The Zeeland Furniture Co. have shut down their factory on account of slack business.

NEWS FROM OTHER TOWNS.

GRAAFSCHAP.

While we are about to emerge from the old into the new—bidding adieu to '93 and welcome to '94—we consider this a most fitting time for a little general retrospection, and letting our neighbors know through the columns of your valuable paper who we are and what we are at. Although our little burg contains only about a hundred souls yet we believe that there is more business activity here than in any other place of twice the size. Beautifully and advantageously situated with no other disadvantage except an outlandish name. Surrounded by an intelligent farming community, who believe in patronizing home institutions and who practice what they preach. First in the line of mercantile establishments is the general store of Rutgers & Ten. The completeness and general arrangement of their stock is often the subject of favorable comment by strangers visiting this town. It is not to be wondered at that this firm enjoys an ever increasing trade and unexampled. Here also the postoffice is kept, which is a model of neatness, accuracy and dispatch. On the other side of the street a general store is kept by Peter Mulder, who is also doing a thriving business, having hired an extra clerk recently to accommodate his increasing trade. Both firms have delivery wagons on the road, which secures the farmer the same advantages as his city cousin. Mulder & Breuker are on deck with a complete line of hardware, furniture and agricultural implements. This firm enjoys a considerable more than local trade, and count their customers far and wide. Wagons, buggies, cutters, harnesses, robes, etc., are lavishly displayed at H. Menken's. And when we see the broad smile on Henry's good-natured face we cannot but believe that he is doing a good business. In an unpretentious building on South Main street our genial blacksmith, George Hockstra, is kept busy at his trade from early morn till late at night. Farther down the hill the busy hum of Ed. Reimink's feed mill may be heard two or more days per week. Over the store of P. Mulder Wm. Smeenza is prepared to repair the foot gear of our pedestrians. Although not many new buildings have gone up in the course of the year, yet this article

would not be complete without mentioning the beautiful residence erected by H. Tien, Sr.

For further improvements we would recommend our somewhat dilapidated sidewalks to the earnest consideration of our village fathers, as a good idea to start the new year with.

Ye correspondent received a suspicious looking package by mail Christmas morning, which he cautiously opened, the recent narrow escapes of Kaiser Wilhelm and Chancellor Van Capri being yet fresh in his mind. To his surprise, however, this sum contained an elegant and useful present, evidently from admiring lady friends. He hereby expresses his thanks for the same.

Wednesday the funeral took place here of Grace DeVries, who died suddenly at East Saugatuck Saturday. The services were conducted by Revs. A. Keizer and C. Van Gorp, and was very largely attended.

Gertie Klomparsen's home from Kal-amazoo to spend the holidays.

The old lady Hartger is dangerously ill.

John Knoll and Strabbing Bros. have re-opened the feed mill one mile east of the village.

Committees are soliciting aid for the famine suffers in the Upper Peninsula. Annie and John Brinkman spent Christmas in Grand Rapids.

Christmas services were held at the C. R. church Monday.

HAMILTON.

This town can boast of one of the finest water powers in the state. Towns that do not possess this advantage can not well estimate the great saving that it gives manufacturers. Two of our flourishing industries are the flour mills of the Hamilton Milling Co. and of Harvey & Benjamin. The owners of the former mill are John Koivood, Oscar Shomo, E. Nevenzel and Chris Ilg. They are doing a good business and the way their flour is selling shows that it is a first-class article. This week they have orders for at least 200 barrels of flour to be furnished inside a few days. The C. & W. M. has laid a siding to the mill and cars can be loaded from the mill.

Our business men all seem to be doing well during the holidays. The center of attraction is at Klomparsen & Brouwer's, where ample and select stock of dry goods and fancy articles can be found at all times. The hardware store of John Strabbing is also receiving its share of attention.

OVERISEL.

The schools in this township have all closed for the holiday vacation.

Rev. Baker, pastor of the C. R. church who has been sick for quite a long time, is reported improving.

B. Osenga, our harness-maker, has moved into his new shop west of the Seeder church. Anyone needing a new harness, or anything in the line of repairing, give him a trial.

It is reported that the Hamilton Creamery will be moved to Overisel Village.

Hoffman & Gunn, mill, Milling Co., are going to run a saw mill in connection with their planing factory.

Miss Grace Knoppscott has returned from Ypsilanti, visiting parents and friends here during the holidays.

Mr. Ben Gunneman, who has been attending the Barrens Corner Union School, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Mr. John Koiker is home from Grand Rapids, where he has been attending the Business College.

Mrs. Hoffman, from Grand Rapids, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

WHEREAS, it has pleased God in His inscrutable wisdom to take away from us by death, Grace De Vries.

Resolved, That we wish to rest in this for as long and for many more with us so sorrowful deed of God's sovereign omnipotence.

To declare: That we lost in Grace a very beloved scholar and companion.

That we deeply sympathize with the parents, brothers, and sisters and other relatives of the deceased in this their hour of bereavement.

The Sunday School Class of the H. C. R. Church on Ninth Street.

GERTIE BOEVE.
GERTRUDE MARSHALL.
MARIE RINCK.
JOHANNA VAN GOOR.
CLARENCE VAN GOOR.
JENNIE OTTE.
AUGUSTA OTTE.
GERTIE PLAGEERMAN.
JENNIE DOCTOR.
ISAAC VERWEY, Teacher.
Holland, Mich., Dec. 25, 1893.

TRY IT!

As a liniment Dr. Peck's Magic Pain Oil is the best; it cures every and all kinds of aches and pains of whatever nature and from whatever cause. Price 25 cents. For sale by H. Walsh.

Gloves and Mittens.

As cold weather has about started in you will be looking for a good pair of gloves or mittens. Another thing will be that the price suits you. The largest stock of gloves and mittens of all styles and prices can be found at the clothing establishment of Bosman Bros. Call and see.

House for Sale or Rent

A good house, and barn with woodshed, corner Thirteenth street and College ave. House contains nine rooms, good for two families. Inquire of B. Slaght.

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CHRISTMAS SERMON.

THE TABERNACLE PULPIT FESTOONED WITH HOLIDAY GREEN.

Rev. Dr. Talmage's Sermon on Christ the Star—A Living, Speaking, Historic and Evangelistic Star—A Discourse That Glows With Eloquence.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 24.—In the Brooklyn Tabernacle today a great audience assembled to participate in the Christmas services. Standing before the organ, festooned with Christmas greens, this sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Talmage, after the throngs had sung "The Star of Bethlehem." Text, Revelation xxii, 16, "I am the bright and the morning star."

This is Christmas eve. Our attention, and the attention of the world is drawn to the star that pointed down to the cransary where Christ was born. But do not let us forget that Christ himself was a star. To that luminous fact my text calls us.

It seems as if the natural world were anxious to make up for the damage it did our race in furnishing the forbidden fruit. If that fruit wrought death among the nations, now all the natural product shall become a symbol of blessing. The showering down of the wealth of the orchard will make us think of him whom Solomon describes as the apple tree among the trees of the wood, and the flowers of tangled glen and cultured parterre shall be the dew glistened garland for the brow of the Lord Jesus. Yea, even the night shall be taxed, and its brightest star shall be set as a gem in the coronet of our holy religion.

Have you ever seen the morning star advantageously? If it was on your way home from a night's carousal, you saw none of its beauty. If you merely turned over on your pillow in the darkness, glancing out of the window, you know nothing about the cheerful influence of that star. But there are many in this house tonight who in great passes of their life, some of them far out at sea, have gazed at that star and been thrilled through with indescribable gladness. That star comes trembling as though with the perils of the darkness, and yet bright with the anticipations of the day. It seems emotional with all tenderness, its eyes filled with the tears of many sorrows. It is the gem on the hand of the morning thrust up to signal its coming. Other stars are dim, like holy candles in a cathedral or silver beads counted in superstitious litany, but this is a living star, a speaking star, a historic star, an evangelistic star—bright and brilliant and triumphant symbol of the great Redeemer. The telegraphic operator puts his finger on the silver key of the electric instrument, and the tidings fly across the continent. And so it seems to me that the finger of inspiration is placed upon this silver point in the heavens, and its thrill through all the earth. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Behold, I am the bright and morning star." The meaning of my text is this: As the morning star precedes and promises the coming of the day, so Christ heralds the natural and spiritual dawn.

In the first place, Christ heralded the coming of the creation. There was a time when there was no order, no sound or beauty. No wing stirred. No word was uttered. No light sped. As far as God could look up, as far down, as far out, there was nothing. Immeasurable solitude. Height and depth and length and breadth of nothingness. Did Christ then exist? Oh, yes. "By him were all things made that are made: things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth." Yes, he antedated the creation. He led forth Arcturus and his sons. He shone before the first morning. His voice was heard in the concert when the morning stars serenaded the advent of our infant earth, when, wrapped in swaddling clothes of light, it lay in the arms of the great Jehovah. He saw the first fountain laid. He saw the first light kindled. That hand which was afterward crushed upon the cross was thrust into chaos, and it brought out one world and swung it in that orbit, and brought out another world and swung it in another orbit, and brought out all the worlds and swung them in their particular orbits. They came like sheep at the call of a shepherd. They knew his voice, and he called them all by their names. Oh, it is an interesting thought to me to know that Christ had something to do with the creation. I see now why it was so easy for him to change water into wine. He first created the water. I see now why it was so easy for him to cure the maniac. He first created the intellect. I see now why it was so easy for him to hush the loudest of the Gileadites. I see now why it was so easy for him to swing the lion and the unicorn. I see now why it was so easy for him to give sight to the blind man. He created the optic nerve. I see now why it was so easy for him to raise Lazarus from the dead. He created the body of Lazarus and the rock that shut him in. Some suppose that Christ came a stranger to Bethlehem. Oh, no. He created the shepherds, and the flocks they watched, and the hills on which the pastured, and the heavens that overarched their heads, and the angels that chanted the chorus on that Christmas night. That hand which was afterward nailed to the cross, was an omnipotent and creative hand and the whole universe was poised on the tip of one of his fingers. Before the world was Christ was. All the world came trooping up out of the darkness, and he greeted them, as a father greets his children, with a "good morning," or a "good night." Hail, Lord Jesus, morning star of the first creation.

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of comfort in a Christian soul. Sometimes we come to pass in life where all kinds of tribulations meet us. You are building up some great enterprise. You

have built the foundation—the wall—you are just about to put on the capstone, when everything is demolished. You have a harp all strung for sweetest accord, and some great agony crushes it. There is a little voice hushed in the household. Blue eyes closed. Color dashed out of the cheek. The foot still. Instead of the quick feet in the hall, the heavy tread of those who march to the grave. Oh, what are people to do amid all these sorrows? Some sit down and mourn. Some bite their lip until the blood comes. Some wring their pale hands. Some fall on their faces. Some lie on their backs helpless and look up into what seems to them an un pitying heaven. Some pull their hair down over their eyes and look through with a flood's glare. Some, with both hands, press their hot brain and want to die and cry, "O God, O God!" Long night, bitter night, stupendous night of the world's suffering! Some know not which way to turn. But not so the Christian man. He looks up toward the heavens. He sees a bright appearance in the heavens. Can it be only a flashing meteor? Can it be only a falling star? Can it be only a delusion? Nay, nay. The longer he looks the more distinct it becomes, until after awhile he cries out, "A star—a morning star, a star of comfort, a star of grace, a star of peace, the star of the Redeemer!" Peace for all trouble. Balm for all wounds. Life for all dead. Now Jesus, the great heart healer, comes into our home. Peace! Peace that passeth all understanding. We look up through our tears. We are comforted. It is the morning star of the Redeemer. "Who broke off that flower?" said one servant in the garden to another. "Who broke off that flower?" And the other servant said, "The master." Nothing more was said, for if the master had not a right to break off a flower to wear over his heart or to set in the vase in the mansion, who has a right to touch the flower? And when Christ comes down into our garden to gather lilies, shall we fight him back? Shall we talk as though he had no right to come? If any one in all the universe has a right to that which is beautiful in our homes, then our master has, and he will take it, and he will wear it over his heart, or he will set it in the vase of the palace eternal. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Peace, troubled soul! I put the balm on your wounded heart tonight. The morning star, the morning star of the Redeemer.

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of millennial glory. It is night in China, night in India, night in Siberia, night for the vast majority of the world's population. But it seems to me there are some intimations of the morning. All Spain is to be brought under the influence of the gospel. What is that light I see breaking over the top of the Pyrenees? The morning! Yea, all Italy shall receive the gospel. She shall have her schools and her colleges and her churches. Her vast population shall surrender themselves to Christ. What is that light I see breaking over the top of the Alps? The morning. All India shall come to God. Her idols shall be cast down. Her juggernauts shall be broken. Her temples of iniquity shall be demolished. What is that light I see breaking over the top of the Himalayas? The morning. The empyrean clouds shall gild the path of the conquering day. The Hottentot will come out of his mud hovel to look at the dawn; the Chinaman will come up on the granite cliffs, the Norwegian will get up on the rocks, and all the beach of heaven will be crowded with celestial inhabitants come out to see the sun rise over the ocean of the world's agony. They shall come from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. These sweltered under tropical suns. These shivered under Icelandic temperature. These plucked the vineyards in Italy. These packed the tea boxes in China. These were aborigines lifting up their dusky faces in the dawn. And the wind shall wait it, and every mountain shall become a transfiguration, and the sea will become the walking place of him who trod the wave cliffs of stormy Tiberias, and the song of joy shall rise toward heaven, and the great sky will become a sounding board which shall strike back the shout of salvation to the earth until it rebounds again to the throne of the Almighty, and the morning star of Christian hope will become the full sunburst of millennial glory.

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of heaven upon every Christian's dying pillow. I suppose you have noticed that the characteristics of people in their healthy days are very apt to be their characteristics in their dying days. The dying words of Napoleon were, "Head of the army." The dying words of poetic Lord Byron were, "I must sleep now." The dying words of affectionate Lord Nelson were, "Kiss me, Hardy." The dying words of Voltaire were, as he saw one whom he supposed to be Jesus in the room, "Crush that wretch." But I have noticed that the dying words of Christians always mean peace. Generally the pain is all gone, and there is great quietude through the room. As one of these brothers told me of his mother in the last moment: "She looked up and said, pointing to some supernatural being that seemed to be in the room, 'Look at that bright form.' Why, they have come for me now."

The lattice is turned so that the light is very pleasant. It is peace all around. You ask yourself: "Why, can this be a dying room? It is so different from anything I ever expected." And you walk the floor, and you look out of the window, and you come back and look at your watch, and you look at the face of the patient again, and there is no change, except that the face is becoming more radiant, more illuminated. The wave of death seems coming up higher and higher, until it has touched the ankle, then it comes on up until it touches the knee, and then it comes on up until it reaches the girdle, and then it comes on up until it reaches the hip,

and the soul is about to be floated away into glory, and you roll back the patient's sleeve, and you put your finger on the pulse, and it is getting weaker and weaker, and the pulse stops, and you hardly know whether the life has gone or not. Indeed, you cannot tell when she goes away, she goes away so calmly. Perhaps it is 4 o'clock in the morning, and the bed wheel rolled around to the window, and the dying one looks out into the night sky, and she sees something that attracts her attention, and you wonder what it is.

Why, it is a star. It is a star that out of its silver rim is pouring a supernatural light into that dying experience. And you say, "What is it that you are looking at?" She says, "It is a star." You say, "What star is it that seems so well to please you?" "Oh," she says, "that is the morning star—Jesus! I would like to have my death bed under that evangelistic star—I would like to have my eye on that star, so I could be assured of the morning. Then the dash of the surf of the sea of death would only be the billowing up of the promise, 'When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.' All other lights will fail—the light that falls from the scroll of fame, the light that flashes from the gem in the beautiful apparel, the light that flames from the burning lamps of a banquet—but this light burns on and burns on. Paul kept his eye on that morning star, until he could say: 'I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith.'"

Edward Payson kept his eye on that star until he could say, "The breezes of heaven fan me." Dr. Goodwin kept his eye on that evangelistic star until he could say, "I am swallowed up in God." John Tennant kept his eye on that evangelistic star until he could say, "Welcome, sweet Lord Jesus—welcome, eternity." No other star ever pointed a mariner into so safe a harbor. No other star ever sunk its silvered anchor into the waters. No other star ever pierced such accumulated cloud, or beconned with such a holy luster.

With lanterns and torches and a guide, we went down in the Mammoth cave of Kentucky. You may walk 12 miles and see no sunlight. It is a stupendous place. Some places the roof of the cave is a hundred feet high. The grottoes filled with weird echoes, cascades falling from invisible heights to invisible depths. Stalagmites rising up from the floor of the cave—stalactites descending from the roof of the cave, joining each other, and making pillars of the Al-mighty's sculpturing. There are rosettes of amethyst in balls of gypsum. As the guide carries his lantern ahead of you, the shadows have an appearance supernatural and spectral. The darkness is fearful. Two people, getting lost from their guide only for a few hours, years ago, were demented, and for years sat in their insanity. You feel like holding your breath as you walk across the bridges that seem to span the bottomless abyss. The guide throws his calcium light down into the caverns, and the light rolls and tosses from rock to rock and from depth to depth, making at every plunge a new revelation of the awful power that could have made such a place as that.

A sense of suffocation comes upon you as you think that you are 250 feet in a straight line from the sunlit surface of the earth. The guide after awhile takes you into what is called the "Star Chamber," and then he says to you, "Sit here," and then he takes the lantern and goes down under the rocks, and it gets darker and darker, until the night is so thick that the hand an inch from the eye is unobservable. And then, by kindling one of the lanterns and placing it in a cleft of the rock, there is a reflection, cast on the dome of the cave, and there are stars coming out in constellations—a brilliant night heavens—and you involuntarily exclaim: "Beautiful! beautiful!" Then he takes the lantern down in other depths of the cavern, and wanders on, and wanders off, until he comes up from behind the rocks gradually, and it seems like the dawn of the morning, and it gets brighter and brighter. The guide is a skilled ventriloquist, and he imitates the voices of the morning, and soon the gloom is all gone, and you stand congratulating yourself over the wonderful spectacle. Well, there are a great many people who look down into the grave as a great cavern. They think it is a thousand miles subterranean, and all the echoes seem to be the voices of despair, and the cascades seem to be the falling tears that always fall, and the gloom of earth seems coming up in stalagmites, and the gloom of the eternal world seems descending in the stalactite, making pillars of indescribable horror. The grave is no such place at that to me, thank God.

Our divine Guide takes us down into the great caverns, and we have the lamp to our feet and the light to our path, and all the echoes in the rifts of the rock are anthems, and all the falling waters are fountains of salvation, and after awhile we look up and, behold! the cavern of the tomb has become a king's star chamber. And while we are looking at the pomp of it an everlasting morning begins to rise, and all the tears of earth crystallize into stalagmites, rising up in a pillar on the one side, and all the glories of heaven seem to be descending in stalactite, making a pillar on the other side, and you push against the gate that swings between the two pillars, and as the gate flashes open you find it is one of the 12 gates which are 12 pearls. Blessed be God that through this gospel the mammoth cave of the sepulcher has become the illumined Star Chamber of the King!

I would God that if my sermon today does not lead you to Christ, that before morning, looking out of the window, the astronomy of the night heavens might lead you to the feet of Jesus.

Hark! Hark! To God the chorus breaks
From every test, from every gem;
But one alone, the Savior speaks—
Is the Star of Bethlehem.

JO. BONJON IN JAIL.

THE CRANK WHO THREATENED PUBLIC MEN.

Doujon, For Several Months, Has Been Writing Letters to Vice-President Stevenson and Members of the Senate, and Late to President Cleveland and Secretary of War Daniel Lamont.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Joseph Doujon, the man who has been writing threatening letters to a number of prominent public men during the last two weeks, is in jail. He walked into the detective bureau of James A. McDevitt Monday afternoon asking for food.

The doctor took him in a coffee house and had something prepared for him to eat. Meantime he questioned him and learned enough to fix his identity. He started toward the station house with his man and on the way met Detective Ned Weedon and George Boyd, in whose hands he placed him.

It will be remembered that a letter from this man to Senator Mills a few days ago caused the senator's son, Charles H. Mills, to secure leave from the authorities to go armed for the protection of his father. This was the cause of bringing the man's acts more prominently before the public.

For several months past he has been writing similar letters to a number of prominent public men, among whom were Vice President Stevenson, Senator Gorman, Senator Mills, Senator Sherman and, as the man himself claims, President Cleveland and Secretary of War Lamont.

BOUND FOR RIO JANEIRO.

The Crack Cruiser New York Has Started on Her Journey.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—There is no doubt now as to the destination of the crack cruiser New York. She sailed from the Brooklyn navy yard this morning, and with the exception of a short stay somewhere near Gravesend bay or Sandy Hook to take a pilot on board she started direct south. Captain Philip refused to say where the cruiser was bound for.

A notice which was posted in a prominent place in the officers' quarters indicated very clearly that the ship was bound for Rio Janeiro. It read as follows: "Mail memorandum. The American line steamers for Rio Janeiro leave New York on the 1st and 15th of each month. Letters can be sent via London, care of B. F. Stevens, No. 4 Trafalgar square. Letters sent to London should also be addressed to this ship at Rio."

RECEIVED FATAL INJURIES.

An Indiana Father's Skull Fractured by His Son.

PORTLAND, Ind., Dec. 22.—George Isenhardt, a farmer living near Salamanca, was attacked by his son, Wash, and received fatal injuries.

The boy had rented the farm and went to get some grain. His father told him that he had received his share. Wash picked up a heavy piece of timber and struck his father over the head with it, felling him to the ground. He then walked to the house and remarked to his brother that he had "killed the old man" and the brother had better go out and get him. The boy then left and the physician says that the skull of the elder Isenhardt is fractured. The grand jury is investigating.

MEYER'S TRIAL.

Juror Law Adjudged Insane by the Physicians.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The physicians appointed by Judge Barrett to inquire into the mental condition of Juror Low, who was taken sick during the Meyer murder trial on Monday, have reported to Judge Barrett that the juror was insane and was not capable of sitting on the jury.

Judge Barrett Thursday afternoon formally dismissed the jury in the Meyer murder case on account of the insanity of Juror Low. The judge stated that he discharged the jury with the greatest regret, but it was the only course open to him. The case goes over to the January term of the court of oyer and terminer.

WANT LIVING WAGES.

Employees of the Clover Leaf Line Petition the United States Court.

TOLEDO, Dec. 23.—A novel petition has been filed in the United States court by the employees of the Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City railroad—Clover Leaf line—which has been in the hands of a receiver since May 22. The petition asks the court to allow the employees to receive living wages from the company. It is represented that since the appointment of Receiver Callaway the wages have been systematically reduced until at present it is impossible to provide for their families.

EXPIATED HIS CRIME.

Wife Murderer Allan Cousins Hanged at Knoxville.

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 22.—Allan Cousins, who killed his wife here last May, was executed in the jail Thursday morning. Death resulted from strangulation. The drop fell at 10:17 and he was pronounced dead in 15 minutes and was cut down in 17 minutes.

Sensational Evidence Obtained.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Baroness Roques, mother of Mrs. Maybrick, has retained the services of a solicitor in order to reopen the famous Maybrick poisoning case. The home office has been communicated with and it is claimed that new and sensational evidence has been obtained.

Will Whip the Tramps.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 23.—Owing to the number of tramp outrages, Mayor Terhune has issued an order instructing the chief of police to furnish each night patrolmen with a blacksnake whip. Every tramp will be whipped off the city and given a severe lashing if he returns.

Four Killed and Three Wounded.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23.—A most shocking accident occurred at noon Friday. The boiler of the lumber mill of the Alexandria Lumber company exploded killing four persons outright and seriously wounding three others.

Ex-Governor Briggs Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Ex-Governor Briggs of Delaware is dead at Middletown, Del.

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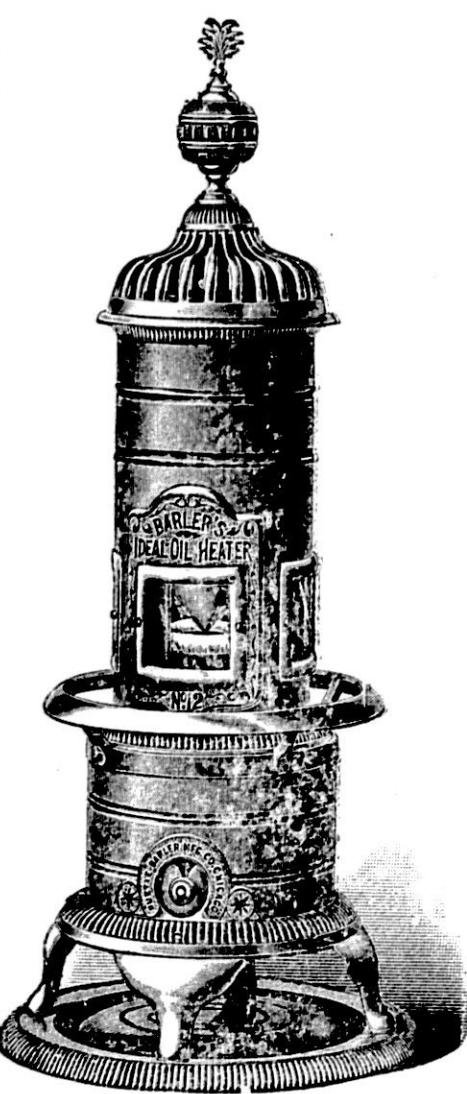
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REMOVED TO WASHINGTON.

Assistant Secretary of State Uhl Leaves Grand Rapids.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Assistant Secretary of State Uhl has removed his family to this city from Grand Rapids.



EDWIN F. UHL.

and has taken quarters for the winter in Admiral English's house, 1518 K street, northwest. The assistant secretary's household consists of Mrs. Uhl, Miss Uhl and a younger son and daughter.

NOTED WOMAN DEAD.

Mrs. Harriet Hayden Passes Away at Her Home in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Harriet Hayden, widow of Louis Hayden, died at her home, 66 Phillips street, of an attack of pneumonia at the age of 74. Mrs. Hayden had a remarkable history: Born a slave in Kentucky, she made her escape early in the forties into Michigan and lived for a short time in the city of Detroit. From that city she moved to Boston and became identified with the antislavery movement, and her house on Phillips street became a rendezvous for fugitive slaves. John Brown held a meeting at her house with some of his associates prior to his departure for Harper's Ferry and perfected some of his plans there.

Mrs. Hayden was a warm personal friend of William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Charles Sumner and, in fact, all of the members of the antislavery society held her and her husband in the highest esteem.

TRAIN ROBBERS FOILED.

Attempt to Hold Up a Train Near Viola, I. T.—Fireman Injured.

VISITA, I. T., Dec. 23.—An unsuccessful attempt was made at Kelo, four miles north of here, to hold up a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train No. 3. A switch was opened and the train ran upon the siding. This alarmed the engineer and knowing there was a spring switch at the other end of the siding he applied full steam and ran through. Finding they were foiled, the robbers, four in number, opened fire with their guns. The fireman, Chas. Milne, was shot in the face and had his jaw torn off, the wound being a serious one. The robbers then mounted their horses and rode away. Officers are in pursuit.

DISTRESSING CONDITION.

A Woman Found Dying From Starvation, Abuse and Neglect.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—A woman named Burke was found Monday night in a hotel on East street, Allegheny, dying from starvation, abuse and neglect. She has been unconscious for two days and the physicians say will die. Her husband was lying beside her in the bed intoxicated. From bruises on her face and body it is supposed that he had beaten her. He was arrested and is now in the central station. It is said that the woman has been sick for some time and has not had food for several days. She was removed to the Allegheny general hospital.

SCHEME OF A CRANK.

Letters Found Outlining a Plan to Kidnap Ruth Cleveland.

ABILENE, Kan., Dec. 22.—Letters written by one R. F. Rock and dated at Topeka were found here and outlined a plan for kidnaping Ruth Cleveland next month. Five people were named as implicated in the deal. It was at first thought to be a fake, but developments show that it is probably the scheme of a crank who has been hanging around the city recently, but who has gone east.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A Young Girl Takes Poison in Wagon-maker's Store.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Marion Carlisle, aged 19 years, of Frankfort, Ky., attempted to commit suicide on the third floor of wagon-maker's store by taking chloroform and laudanum. She was discovered in an unconscious condition and removed to the central station, where she was restored to consciousness.

RENOUNCES HIS ANNUITY.

The Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha Gives Up £15,000.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—In the house of commons Thursday Mr. Gladstone announced that the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (the Duke of Edinburgh) had renounced his English annuity of £15,000 conferred upon him by the act of 1846 and that he retains his annuity of £10,000 conferred upon him on his marriage in 1873.

Pension Clerk Dismissed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—James A. Race of Texas, clerk at \$1,000 per annum in the pension bureau, has been dismissed for lending money at usurious rates to other employees. The department officials consider this offense sufficient cause for immediate dismissal.

A Fatal Sleigh Ride.

HOLLIS, N. H., Dec. 22.—The Shoo Fly express leaving Nashua at 8:40 p. m. for Ayer Junction, collided near here with a sleigh containing four persons out for a ride, demolishing the vehicle and killing three and fatally injuring the other occupant.

Wholesale Arrests.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—Chief of Police Deutsch of this city has, beginning with Saturday night, been concentrating the energies of the entire police force upon enforcing the midnight closing and the Sunday closing law upon drinking places. At midnight Sunday night 3 saloonkeepers had been arrested.

STAT. EMS.

Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Ovid Methodists expect to dedicate their new church the first Sunday in January.

Burglars entered the depot at Manistique while the employees were at dinner and made away with \$400.

A social club has been organized by 25 of Ovid's business men, and is called the Peninsular club.

The Port Huron guards, Company F, Third Infantry, Michigan national guards, will give a grand ball on Dec. 28. Governor Rich and his full staff will be present.

Jake Kennedy, a motorman on the Manistee street railway, was struck on the head by the handle of a scraper and is probably fatally injured.

Bert Stewart was struck on the head by a beam at a barn raising near Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo county, and it is thought that the injury will prove fatal.

Fred Locke of Capac had his leg broken Monday. He was running on his way to school, when his foot caught in a hole in the sidewalk, breaking the limb at the ankle.

Thursday, Dec. 21.

The annual meeting of the State Millers' association will be held in Lansing Jan. 9.

Cassopolis citizens are making great preparations for the state farmers' institute, to be held at that place Jan. 16 and 17.

Pokagon farmers thought they saw a fortune in establishing a creamery at that place. The year's business brought them out large losers, and now the establishment will be permanently closed.

The water board of Lansing has closed the contract for the purchase of a new 5,000-gallon pump to be placed in the waterworks station. It cost \$17,000.

A bus line has been put on from Lawton, on the Michigan Central, to Paw Paw in opposition to the Toledo and South Haven railway, which, it is claimed, doesn't make trips often enough to accommodate the patrons.

Friday, Dec. 22.

Rev. Sam Betts, the evangelist, has made about 150 converts at Oxford.

The Foresters at Pontiac have voted to send \$25 to suffering miners in the upper peninsula.

The annual convention of the Michigan Engineering society will be held at Jackson on Jan. 24.

William Moule's sash and door and blind factory and foundry at Oxford was totally consumed by fire. No insurance.

Mrs. C. S. Waller of Glenn committed suicide by hanging herself with a towel. Cause, despondency from ill-health.

Erick Isaacson of Hancock has commenced suit against the Quincy Mining company for \$30,000 damages. Isaacson was injured by a falling bucket, which hit him on the head and left him almost a total idiot.

Saturday, Dec. 23.

Frank Dennison, the ex-nig it policeman of Flint, who is in jail on a charge of burglarizing the store of W. H. Dodge, has been bound over to the circuit court for trial.

Daniel D. Barney of Flint died Thursday night after a lingering illness. About a month ago he received a stroke of paralysis, from which he never recovered. He was 55 years old.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church at Paw Paw, shipped to the relief committee at Ironville, Mo., on Friday, nine large boxes of clothing, shoes, etc., 1,820 pounds of flour, and \$54 in money.

The annual convention of the Michigan Knights of the Grip will be held at Saginaw Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, and elaborate preparations have been made for the entertainment of the visitors. The grand annual banquet and ball will be held Tuesday evening, and covers will be laid for 800 persons. Governor Rich will be among the speakers.

Sunday, Dec. 25.

The Marcellus common council has passed an ordinance prohibiting boys extending a cutters.

The Lake Ann (Benzie county) flouring mills, which were burned less than two months ago, have been rebuilt and are running again.

John Hanley of Tecumseh was arrested last week on a charge of attempting to cause the death of his whole family by asphyxiation by removing a length of stovepipe in his house.

Napoleon Tardy, aged 15 years, of Muskegon, started to clean a revolver Friday, when it was discharged, the bullet passing through the knee and inflicting a wound which will cripple him for life. It was another case of "didn't know it was loaded."

A Tekonsha man tried to get ahead of the state and escape paying a tax on a mortgage by temporarily releasing the mortgagor, proposing to the latter to renew the mortgage after the assessor had been around. Up to this point the scheme worked finely, but when the time came to renew the document, the debtor refused to do so, and the man is out the whole amount instead of the tax on the mortgage.

Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Hattie E. Lapham, wife of the editor of the leading banner, died Sunday, aged 33 years.

J. W. Craig of Oxford has purchased the flouring mill at South Lyon and will personally operate it.

Montague wishes to borrow \$300 or \$400 to pay running expenses until she can sell some liquor licenses next May.

Burglars broke into the store of Frolich & Knapp at Three Rivers and carried away clothing valued at over \$300.

The body of an unknown boy, about 16 years old, has been found in the woods near Otis, Newago county. The boy had been shot, but when and by whom is not known.

Andrew Smith, an Ann Arbor colored boy, 16 years old, dropped dead on the street Sunday. His death was the result of a sunstroke which he received last summer.

Hillman, Montmorency county, will ask the board of supervisors for authority to dam Thunder Bay river at that point in order that they may acquire power for manufacturing purposes.

Children under 16 years of age at Marquette now have to be at home before 9 o'clock in the evening or have the police attend to them. This is in accordance with an ordinance recently passed by the council.

Senate and House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In the senate Monday the message of President Cleveland was read. House: The message was read and the pension policy debated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In the house Tuesday the urgency deficiency bill was considered and finally passed. Senate: Senator Berry of Arkansas addressed the members on the repeal of the federal election bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senate: The president's Hawaiian message and accompanying documents referred to committee on foreign relations; a few bills of minor importance were passed. House: New York and New Jersey bridge bill was passed Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Nothing of importance was transacted in either house of congress. Both adjourned until Jan. 3.

Well Known Publisher Dead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—George Sherwood, a well known publisher, citizen, and business man of this city, died Sunday morning. He was a brother of ex-Governor C. D. Sherwood of Minnesota.

ADDITIONAL COUNTY NEWS.

BORCULO.

Nearly all places report business as very dull, but judging from appearance we should think that our business men are doing finely. Mr. F. Riemersma has already bought over two hundred cords of stove wood, and the number of logs received at the saw mills of Mr. G. Moeke and K. Van Don Bosch & Co. during the few days we had sleighing is surprising.

Mr. G. Moeke and R. Bowman have lately formed a partnership and built a new store here. It is sixty feet long and twenty-two feet wide, two stories high, with a good dwelling house over it of 30x30 feet. The store is well filled with dry goods, groceries, etc., and the new firm is enjoying a good trade.

Christmas evening Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Douma were surprised by a party of young people of this place who presented them with a fine armchair as a token of their appreciation of his work in their midst. Mr. Riemersma made the presentation speech, to which Mr. Douma responded with a few well chosen sentences, thanking them for the present. After they were seated some choice refreshments were served and all enjoyed a good social time.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gebben and Mr. and Mrs. Harm Gebben, of Holland, are spending the holidays with their parents and relatives.

Mr. John Huniman and his sister Jennie of Grand Rapids are visiting Mrs. Salmis.

After the holidays Henry Riemersma will go to visit his brother John in Charlevoix county, Mich. Thursday W. F. Douma moved into the new house next the store of Moeke & Bowman. H. Zuiverink, of Grand Rapids, will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Douma.

Last Thursday F. Riemersma went on a business trip to Grand Rapids and Muskegon and returned Saturday. He says business is very dull in these cities and found it hard to collect his bills.

Last Wednesday a three year old colt of Mr. G. Moeke died of the colic.

BEAVERDAM.

Mrs. Stanton, a former resident of this place, is visiting her mother Mrs. M. Coburn.

The grip is an unwelcome visitor in several families here.

The young people of the First Ref. church have shown their respect for their pastor and family by presenting them with a complete set of dishes.

Wm. Coburn was out looking for cloverseed the other day. We think he found it as he is about to make a second trip to Forest Grove.

Wilson Rief has been sick with the grip for the past week, but is now recovering. Kate says, he was all right Christmas.

The school is progressing finely under the care of Mr. Walcott and Miss Edison.

ROBINSON.

Mrs. John Powell is convalescing. Mrs. J. Joslin is sick with the grip.

The M. E. society are building a horse shed back of the church.

Dewitt Bros. and Wm. Foster & Co. make daily trips to Holland.

Our mail carrier is becoming quite a horse jockey, trading horses every week. Henry Sprick of Grand Haven passed through town last week Thursday.

John McCue, one of our pioneers, was buried Sunday. He had been a great sufferer for the past two years.

Miss Edna Chappell will remain another term in our schools. Her pupils and patrons are much attached to her.

Our people took advantage of the fine weather last week Thursday and bought their Christmas presents in Grand Haven.

There was a Christmas tree at the church Monday evening.

The Ladies Aid society met at Mrs. Trumble's last week Thursday afternoon.

Dewitt Bros. are getting a stock preparatory to starting up their mill the first of the year.

John Powell was in Zeeland Tuesday.

The Good Templars meet every Wednesday evening. They have a very prosperous lodge, judging from the length of their sessions and the happy voices when the lodge is out.

John Powell does fine cabinet work and anything else up to the manufacture of bob-sleighs.

Wm. Foster is prepared to furnish his customers with fresh meat now-a-days.

Garret Southfield was in Holland last week Thursday.

Judging from how things look, weddings will commence with the new year. Jim Bad has been repairing his residence.

Johnny Hatch makes 2 first-class milk padders. All orders promptly filled.

Peter Dewitt is our barber and does first-class work. Shop on main street.

The farmers are drawing wood to Grand Haven.

Singing school has been suspended for some time. Prof. Laubach not being able to cross the river.

Will Darby is out again, having been laid up with a sprained ankle.

Hattie Grahm has returned to Minneapolis, Minn., after visiting her parents here.

NOORDELOOS.

Walter Smith, of Chicago, who has been at work in Forest Grove for a few months past, spent Christmas with his friend, A. Rosbach.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Douma, Dec. 19, a girl.

Henry Meengs, it is said, is getting lazy. No wonder.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Van Haften, of Muskegon, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Vogel.

To those of our citizens on the way to Zeeland who were awakened last week Thursday morning by mysterious groans, commingled with laughter, ringing of sleigh-bells and unearthly screaming, as of iron over gravel, we may state that it was presumably caused by a party of New Holland's club, who took a so-called sleigh ride to Drenthe that night, returning at six in the morning.

The other day a little fellow was having his hair cut. "Look out, uncle," he exclaimed, "I have a sore on my head, it hurts." "What do you do to your sore?" he was asked. "Crabben," was the tart rejoinder.

Ben Eefting, of Englewood, Ill., Hope student, made Christmas merry for his Meengs friends.

As a surprising test of patience and Christian resignation we have in our midst an example in the old gentleman Van Dyk who is still confined to his bed with a fractured hip. He maintains a cheerful disposition, which is

doubtless largely due to the excellent care he is receiving.

Wanted—A barber.—L. R.

The aversion of Santa Claus to new-fangled notions is proverbial. But this year he has been obliged to submit and do the rounds with his reindeer hitched to a roadcart, like the Eskimo's at the World's Fair.

The R-publicans of Chicago are evidently not well versed in Scripture or they might have known that "the race is not to the Swift."

John Meengs was in Grand Rapids this week.

Martin Jongekryg is visiting his brother, Peter, at Saugusack.

P. Heyboer, Sr., has been re-elected as elder, and A. Diepenhorst as deacon of the Christian R-formed Church.

Albert Dykhuus, of Fillmore, was a guest at De Fouw's Christmas. The complications increase.

Now that that tempest in a teapot has subsided we wonder what his bump of face-syn-crazy will develop into next.

The other day one of our carpenters went on a strike, the board was too high and he struck—it off.

Our shoe-maker may be heard these days industriously pegging away at his old boots and shoes. Bring in your old footwear, harness, etc., and Mr. Boes will repair it for you with neatness and dispatch. His charges will satisfy the most exacting.

We wish all the readers of the TIMES a Happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS IN HOLLAND.

Two Days of It Each With Its Peculiar Observances.

As among the nations of the German race so in the Netherlands the Christmas holidays are held in high honors. The festival lasts two days, the 25th and 26th of December. Both days are recognized by the law of the state as Christian holidays on which as on Sunday no public work nor business is done.

The churches are all open and the services better attended than usually on Sunday. The tale of the shepherds in the field and of the manger of Bethlehem is the text appointed by custom for the first morning service; the song of the angels for the night of the first Christmas day; while the wise men from the East usually must content themselves with the second morning.

In the family circle Christmas is celebrated by Christmas cakes and Christmas wreaths, a remembrance of the old German sun-wheels, but most of all by social gatherings of old and young around the fireside. The whole family is together on Christmas and Sylvester nights.

The second day of Christmas is preferred for family parties and for dinners. On the last day of the year after every service which is attended by all, nearly every one is at home with his own family.

The Germans introduced the Christmas tree. In the private houses, however, it is seldom planted; but in Holland schools and churches the tree becomes more and more the centre of a feast or rather of a religious service for children.

In Holland Christmas presents are only made for benevolent purposes. The great and people's day for general and surprising presents is the sixth of December, the festival of St. Nicholas.

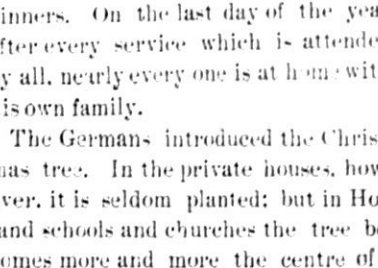
This saint of the children is loved by the Holland youth from babyhood. This old Bishop of Myra always appears in his mantle, mitre and crozier. But above all the children anticipate with great excitement the sixth of December from between the night of the fifth and the morning of the sixth he passes.

In this part of the legend the Bishop of Myra is strangely mixed with the German god, Wotan. As this god is represented riding on his white horse, so you see on all the prints for children St. Nicholas riding on the top of the houses, for which reason he prefers to bestow his gifts to the children through the chimney. Children still believing, in the evening, before going to bed, always place under the chimney their shoes filled with hay or carrots for the saint's horse. St. Nicholas also pays a visit to the older folks, but he does this on the night previous, ringing the bell and depositing at the door his addressed packages, containing either precious presents or innocent, sometimes innocent raileries, always of course disappearing long before the door is opened.

That night is always full of funny surprises. But they are only funny when fun fills the air and enters with it into all houses or is smuggled within doors by others' love.

The Holland-Americans must deal with the fact that the day of St. Nicholas must leave our cycle of festivals and let merry Christmas take its place. The combination of both, as is the custom in this country, hurts me as a sin against tradition. F. W. N. Hugenholtz in Grand Rapids Democrat.

An Animal Worth Having.



"Tom, to look at that dog you'd think he didn't know nothing, but he's worth more'n a dollar a day to me during crab season. He'll just go an lay in the water an putend that he's dead, an when he's covered with crabs wot come to feed on him he'll run ashore, an I kin fill my basket in less than no time. He's lost his tail an one of his ears, but he sticks to his business."—Life.

ONLY A FEW WEEKS MORE
OF
THE - GREAT - CLOSING - OUT - SALE!
AT

THE RELIABLE CLOTHIERS. H. STERN & CO.'S THE RELIABLE CLOTHIER

Everything Must be Sold! All will be Sacrificed

LOOK AT THIS!	LOOK AT THIS!	LOOK AT THIS!
MEN'S SUITS.	BOYS' SUITS.	OVERCOATS.
Men's Heavy Working Suits, - - \$3.00	Boys' Heavy Warm Suits - - \$1.00	Heavy Winter Overcoats, - \$2.50
Men's Heavy Cassimer Suits, - 4.50	Boys' Heavy School Suits, - 1.63	Heavy Chinchilla Overcoats. - 3.60
Men's Business Suits, - - - 6.00	Boys' Solid Mixed Suits, - - 2.00	Heavy Melton Overcoats, - - 4.50
Men's Heavy All Wool Suits, - - 7.50	Boys' Heavy All Wool Suits - - 2.50	Heavy Cassimer Overcoats, - 6.00
Men's All Wool Scotch Suits, - - 9.00	Boys' Fine Worsted Suits, - 3.00	Heavy Kersey Overcoats - - 7.50

SPECIALTIES—KNEE PANTS, 17 CENTS. JERSEY SHIRTS, 43 CENTS.

NOW IS THE TIME! DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS!
WE WILL GIVE YOU
\$2.00 Worth of Goods for \$1.00 in Money

We are obliged to close up our business in just a few weeks more and every dollar's worth of goods must be sold.
Yours, for Bargains, H. STERN & COMPANY, Reliable Clothiers, Ward Block, Holland

Some Representative Men.

A FEW WORDS REGARDING NUMEROUS HOLLAND BUSINESS MEN.

The business and professional men of Holland are enterprising and public spirited. The enterprise is clearly illustrated by the wide-awake advertising done by them. The columns of today's TIMES contain announcements of very many of the merchants and a few words regarding some of the representative men in the respective lines of trade may be appropriate here.

HOLLAND CITY LAUNDRY.
The Holland City Laundry, of which G. J. A. Pessink is proprietor, has earned an enviable reputation for turning out first-class work. The charges are very reasonable and goods are delivered in all parts of the city. The Holland City Laundry has the latest and best appliances for doing work at short notice and Mr. Pessink is very faithful in looking after his customers' wants. Give him a trial and you will be pleased.

A. HELLENTHAL.
A. Helleenthal, the shoe man, East Eighth street, has in a short time built up a very good business and he is constantly securing new customers. Although his stock is not large, he keeps a considerable stock of goods and his customers remain with him. Mr. Helleenthal is a very agreeable man and has many friends, both socially and in a business way. His prices are invariably reasonable.

WESTVELD'S HORSESHOEING SHOP.
Westveld's horseshoeing shop on River street is an excellent place to get horses shod. The Westveld brothers are skillful workmen. They pay particular attention to interfering and to horses with bad feet. All work done is of the most practical kind and all work is guaranteed. Farmers and others cannot find a better place to have their horses shod than Westveld's well known stand.

RINCK & COMPANY.
Rinck & Co. conduct a large and representative furniture, carpet and wall paper store. This establishment has a finely selected stock of goods and their prices are uniformly low. Furniture was never as low in price as now and Rinck & Co. have bought right and can sell at the right prices. Persons in need of bedroom sets, rockers, many other articles, including carpets, can find some immense bargains at Rinck & Co.'s store on Eighth street. This concern, by its fair dealings and honest methods, has earned an honorable reputation.

H. STERN & CO.
H. Stern & Co., the famous clothiers, are just now offering some exceedingly attractive bargains. It is doubtful if clothing was ever as cheap as now and Stern & Co. invariably lead in their line. This concern, as is quite well known, has three houses, the main establishment being in Kalamazoo, while the branch stores are located here and in Allegan. If you need clothing, buy now when prices are at the bottom.

H. MEYER & SON.
The enterprising and reliable firm of H. Meyer & Son continues to do a large and successful business. They are the general agents for the celebrated A. B. Chase pianos, the Story & Clark organs and many other leading makes. The Chase pianos and Story & Clark organs were each awarded the highest award at the World's Fair and are, without question, the leaders. Messrs. Meyer & Son are also agents for the New Home, Wheeler & Wilson, and Domestic sewing machines as well as all kinds of musical instruments. They are a courteous and obliging firm and are thoroughly reliable. Just now they are offering exceptional bargains in organs and all kinds of sewing machines.

NELSON PITTON.
One of the neatest and most attractive dry goods stores in the city is that of Nelson Pitton, adjoining the New City Hotel. Mr. Pitton has built up a good business during the year he has resided in Holland and he is well and favorably known in and out of the city. Visitors should not fail to see Mr. Pitton's attractive show window, with its miniature bridge. This fine piece of artistic work was designed by Mrs. Pitton. Farmers and city people alike, consider Mr. Pitton's store an excellent place to trade.

WM. BRUSSE & CO.
The old established house of Wm. Brusse & Co. continue to do a good business, both in ready-made and tailor-made clothing and gents' furnishing goods. Mr. Brusse is an influential citizen, being prominent in social and religious circles. His house is deserving of patronage, being both wide-awake and up with the times.

ED. VAUPELL.
Ex-Sheriff E. L. Vaupell is too well known to require more than brief mention. Mr. Vaupell, when he retired from the sheriff's office, went into the harness business again, where he does a large and prosperous business. He makes the best of harnesses and other goods in his line and employs only the best of workmen. Besides harnesses, Mr. Vaupell also sells trunks, valises, and many other articles usually kept in a first-class harness shop.

C. L. STRENG & SON.
C. L. Streng & Son are firm believers in advertising and find that it pays them handsomely. Not long ago as the direct result of good newspaper publicity the firm sold 1,050 handkerchiefs in less than one week. This figure seems incredible, but it is true. Whatever Streng & Son advertise, they carry out to the letter. Their 85-cent sale now in progress, means that 85 cents buys a dollar's worth of goods. Messrs. Streng & Son sell good goods and their sales are sufficiently large to enable them to undersell small dealers on prices.

HOPKINS THE PHOTOGRAPHER.
"It is one of the most attractive galleries in the state," said a visitor the other day in speaking of Hopkins' Eighth Street Studio. Mr. Hopkins is a decided artist in his line and his photos give universal satisfaction. He makes a specialty of life-size portraits and also of children's photos. The instantaneous process is used exclusively.

DR. F. M. GILLESPIE.
Dr. F. M. Gillespie of the Central Dental Parlors is a dentist of experience and ability. The doctor is favorably known in Holland and vicinity. He makes a specialty of fine fillings and also of vitalized air for the painless extraction of teeth.

PAUL A. STEKETEE.
One of the most progressive young business men in Holland is Paul A. Steketee, the Eighth street crockery merchant. In a few short months, scarcely two years Mr. Steketee has built up a large and prosperous business. He has largely increased his stock from time to time until there are few stores in Michigan which have a greater variety of crockery, glassware, etc., than he. Mr. Steketee has been successful right through the hard times and the fact that his fall trade this year has been 33 per cent greater than last year, speaks volumes for his enterprise and sagacity. His stock is always well kept up and his prices are invariably low.

SIMON SPIETSMA.
Simon Spietsma bears his honors lightly. Instead of claiming the honor of having built up a good shoe business by hard work, industry and patience, which he has done, he merely says: "Henderson's shoes did it." Mr. Spietsma sells, as he has for years, hundreds of pairs of the celebrated C. M. Henderson shoes for ladies and gents. These shoes are both made for wear and style and a person rarely buys a pair without calling for another when the first pair is worn out. The Henderson shoes are made in Chicago and every pair is warranted. Mr. Spietsma sells more and more all the time and this is why he says: "I've built up my business on the Henderson shoes."

JOHN PESSINK.
John Pessink, our genial city treasurer, is just now one of the busiest of men. Mr. Pessink has resided in Holland from its start and is a public spirited citizen. Mr. Pessink is proprietor of the City Bakery, Eighth street, and deals in confectionery, fruit, cigars, canned goods and vegetables. His stock of goods is invariably well selected and his customers are always well suited.

H. WYKHUYSEN.
Forty years in the jewelry business is a portion of the history of H. Wykhuyzen, the well known and popular Holland jeweler. Mr. Wykhuyzen was brought up in the jewelry business in Europe and nearly all the time for the past twenty years he has been in the jewelry business in this city. He is a very pleasant man to meet and while a thoroughly good salesman, he is conscientious and honest and never misrepresents the value of any goods. He guarantees his goods and a new customer invariably buys of him a second time. His prices are very low and just now he is offering exceptional bargains in silver-plated ware. This is an exceptionally good time to buy watches, jewelry, or silverware, and Mr. Wykhuyzen has probably just what you want.

PETER ZALSMAN.
This young man is well known to Holland citizens. He is established in the grocery business on West Twelfth street and is building up a good trade.

Mr. Zalsman keeps an excellent stock of goods and merits a liberal patronage. He is uniformly fair in his dealings.

J. C. POST.
Among the well known business men of this city can be mentioned J. C. Post. He is an influential character in social and business circles and one of the men who always takes a leading part in starting new enterprises that will benefit the city. Besides an extensive law practice Mr. Post is manager of the Holland Real Estate Exchange and any one who desires to make a good investment in Holland property should call on him. Real estate in this city will advance in value and there is no time like the present to take advantage of bargains in lots.

DR. F. J. SCHOUTEN.
The drug store of Dr. F. J. Schouten in the First Ward is a well known business house where the doctor's clerks are kept busy filling prescriptions and selling medicines. The doctor has made a great hit by placing on the market his Rheumatic Pills and Liver and Ague Pills. These proprietary medicines have been tried in many cases where other remedies had no effect and the many testimonials of the cures effected show that they are reliable remedies. The doctor carries a full line of fine drugs, medicines, cigars, toilet articles and perfumery.

An Explanation.
There is a report, just called to my attention, to the effect that I practice special medicine on eye, ear, etc., only. How or why this report was circulated I do not know, except that special work done has led to report, or it was done for a purpose. I came here to succeed Dr. J. G. Huizinga and practice general medicine, as shown by professional card. Although I deem it improper to get into print one way or another, it seems best that current report be denied and I hope that no further explanation will be necessary.

DR. W. PARRY JONES.

IN MEMORIAM.
WHEREAS, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our Y. W. C. A. a loving and earnest member, Miss Grace DeVries, and

WHEREAS, we deeply mourn the loss of a genial companion and amiable friend, being also the first broken link in our Association chain, therefore be it

Resolved, that we recognize and bow in humble submission to Divine Providence and hope and pray that her death may cause the quickening of spiritual life in us and draw us nearer to God and closer to one another. Be it

Resolved, that we hereby express our sincere sympathy with the bereaved parents and relatives, and commend them to God in this hour of trial, and we pray that He will comfort and sustain them and heal the wounded hearts.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of the deceased, that they be published in the local papers and spread upon the minutes of the Association.

JOSEPHINE COOK, SENIE VISSCHER, Com. JENNIE KILMERS.
HOLLAND, MICH., Dec. 26, 1903.

Same to You
And Many of Them.

A very satisfactory Holiday trade makes me feel a general joyousness comforting with the Holiday time and in wishing my patrons the

Compliments of the Season.

I also wish to express a due sense of appreciation for the patronage that has been liberally bestowed upon me, and if there is anything lacking to make the Christmas complete perhaps I can supply the Deficiency.

Every department this week will sparkle with bright bargains. Look us over.

Nelson Pitton,

New City Hotel Block, Opp. Postoffice,

HOLLAND, MICH